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## CANADA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 15,240.1 | 15,436.1 | 15,490.2 | 250.1 | 14,919.8 | 15,219.6 | 15,163.2 | 243.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 13,764.1 | 14,114.8 | 14,114.5 | 350.4 | 13,341.6 | 13,979.3 | 13,684.9 | 343.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 1,476.1 | 1,321.3 | 1,375.7 | (100.4) | 1,578.2 | 1,240.3 | 1,478.3 | (99.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.7 | 8.6 | 8.9 | (0.8) | 10.6 | 8.1 | 9.7 | (0.9) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.7 | 64.8 | 64.9 | 0.2 | 63.4 | 63.9 | 63.6 | 0.2 |

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| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 447.1 | 449.7 | 453.5 | 6.4 | 432.7 | 442.7 | 439.7 | 7.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 388.8 | 397.5 | 402.6 | 13.8 | 371.9 | 396.7 | 387.0 | 15.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 58.4 | 52.2 | 50.9 | (7.5) | 60.7 | 45.9 | 52.7 | (8.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 13.1 | 11.6 | 11.2 | (1.9) | 14.0 | 10.4 | 12.0 | (2.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 60.5 | 60.4 | 60.9 | 0.4 | 58.5 | 59.5 | 59.0 | 0.5 |

Seasonally Adjusted

## NEWFOUNDLAND

| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 239.4 | 238.1 | 237.8 | (1.6) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 191.2 | 196.3 | 196.0 | 4.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 48.2 | 41.8 | 41.9 | (6.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| –Actual | 21.4 | 16.2 | 18.9 | (2.5) |
| –Seasonally Adjusted | 20.1 | 17.6 | 17.6 | (2.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 53.0 | 53.1 | 53.1 | 0.1 |

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 71.1 | 70.9 | 70.1 | (1.0) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 59.5 | 60.8 | 59.9 | 0.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 11.6 | 10.1 | 10.3 | (1.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| –Actual | 20.0 | 16.1 | 18.4 | 2.1 |
| –Seasonally Adjusted | 16.3 | 14.2 | 14.7 | (1.6) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.4 | 66.1 | 65.5 | 0.9 |

## NEW BRUNSWICK

| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 359.2 | 369.1 | 368.1 | 8.9 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 312.3 | 323.1 | 320.4 | 8.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 46.8 | 45.9 | 47.7 | 0.9 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| –Actual | 14.5 | 12.1 | 14.6 | 0.1 |
| –Seasonally Adjusted | 13.0 | 12.4 | 13.0 | 0.0 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.7 | 61.1 | 60.9 | 1.2 |

## QUEBEC

| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 3,662.8 | 3,685.6 | 3,669.7 | 6.9 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 3,217.6 | 3,302.2 | 3,256.1 | 38.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 445.2 | 383.4 | 413.6 | (31.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| –Actual | 13.5 | 10.5 | 12.7 | (0.8) |
| –Seasonally Adjusted | 12.2 | 10.4 | 11.3 | (0.9) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 62.1 | 62.0 | 61.7 | (0.4) |

NOTE: For regional unemployment rates, see page 5.
Participation rate is the labour force as a % of the population 15 years and over.
Non-civilian and inmate population are not included in labour force data.
Revisions to historic labour force data were released in February 1997.

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## ONTARIO

| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 5,854.7 | 5,959.6 | 6,011.1 | 156.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 5,324.9 | 5,493.9 | 5,533.0 | 208.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 529.8 | 465.6 | 478.1 | (51.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 9.6 | 7.1 | 8.5 | (1.1) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 9.0 | 7.8 | 8.0 | (1.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.7 | 65.9 | 66.4 | 0.7 |

## MANITOBA

| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 581.7 | 577.5 | 575.2 | (6.5) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 540.9 | 542.6 | 542.4 | 1.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 40.8 | 34.9 | 32.8 | (8.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 8.2 | 5.8 | 6.6 | (1.6) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 7.0 | 6.0 | 5.7 | (1.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.7 | 67.1 | 66.8 | (0.9) |

## SASKATCHEWAN

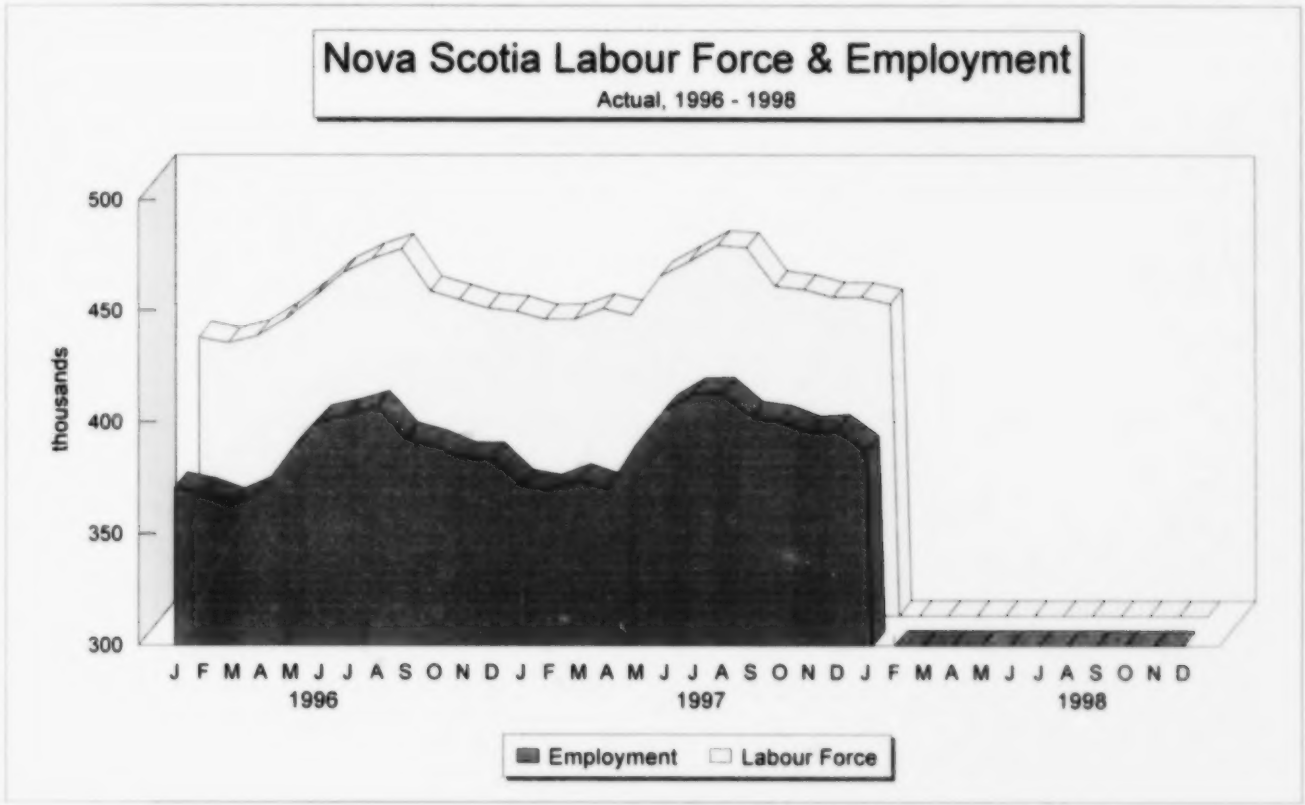
| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 493.6 | 505.0 | 510.8 | 17.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 461.9 | 479.3 | 482.4 | 20.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 31.1 | 25.7 | 28.4 | (2.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 7.2 | 4.8 | 6.2 | (1.0) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.4 | 5.1 | 5.6 | (0.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.2 | 66.3 | 67.0 | 1.8 |

## ALBERTA

| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 1,532.9 | 1,570.1 | 1,589.1 | 56.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,429.3 | 1,481.8 | 1,503.6 | 74.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 103.6 | 88.2 | 85.4 | (18.2) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 7.4 | 5.2 | 5.8 | (1.6) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.8 | 5.6 | 5.4 | (1.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 71.8 | 71.8 | 72.5 | 0.7 |

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 1,997.6 | 2,010.6 | 2,004.9 | 7.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,837.6 | 1,837.2 | 1,818.2 | (19.4) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 159.9 | 173.4 | 186.6 | 26.7 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 9.0 | 8.3 | 10.6 | 1.6 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 8.0 | 8.6 | 9.3 | 1.3 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.1 | 64.2 | 64.0 | (1.1) |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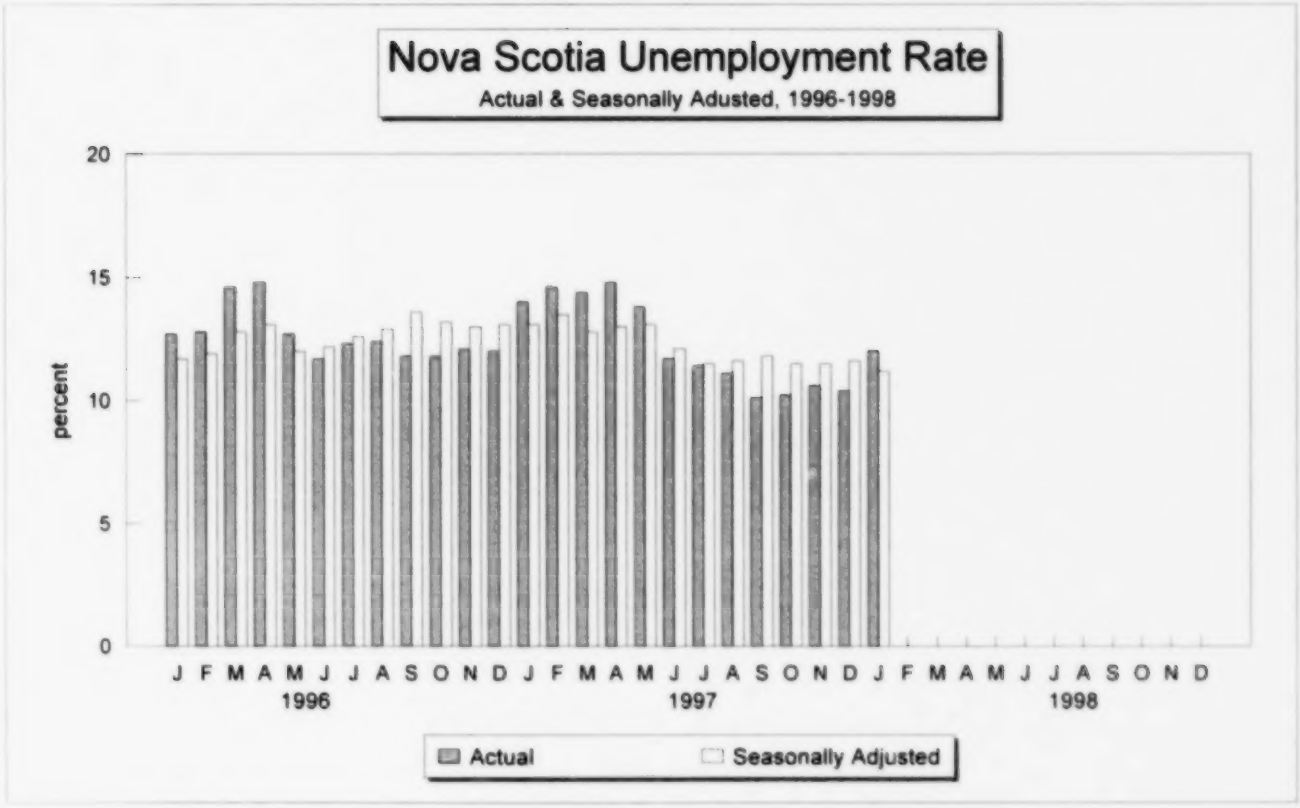
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## HALIFAX METRO

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 187.2 | 186.8 | 188.0 | 0.8 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 170.4 | 169.6 | 171.2 | 0.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 16.8 | 17.2 | 16.8 | 0.0 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.0 | 9.2 | 8.9 | (0.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 68.5 | 67.8 | 68.2 | (0.3) |

## NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 435.5 | 443.9 | 441.7 | 6.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 380.1 | 397.7 | 393.1 | 13.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 55.4 | 46.1 | 48.6 | (6.8) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.7 | 10.4 | 11.0 | (1.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.0 | 59.7 | 59.3 | 0.3 |

## NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

### CAPE BRETON

| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 65.3 | 64.3 | 64.5 | (0.8) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 48.3 | 55.6 | 54.6 | 6.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 17.0 | 8.7 | 9.8 | (7.2) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 26.0 | 13.5 | 15.2 | (10.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 51.9 | 51.0 | 51.1 | (0.8) |

### NORTH SHORE

| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 74.2 | 74.9 | 74.2 | 0.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 64.2 | 65.4 | 64.6 | 0.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 9.9 | 9.6 | 9.6 | (0.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 13.3 | 12.8 | 12.9 | (0.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 56.4 | 56.7 | 56.1 | (0.3) |

### ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 51.6 | 55.5 | 54.5 | 2.9 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 45.2 | 50.0 | 48.5 | 3.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 6.3 | 5.5 | 6.0 | (0.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.2 | 9.9 | 11.0 | (1.2) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 57.2 | 54.3 | 55.6 | (1.6) |

### SOUTHERN

| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 54.9 | 58.5 | 57.6 | 2.7 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 48.5 | 51.9 | 50.3 | 1.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 6.4 | 6.5 | 7.3 | 0.9 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 11.7 | 11.1 | 12.7 | 1.0 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 52.9 | 53.7 | 55.4 | 2.5 |

### HALIFAX

| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | CHANGE JAN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 189.6 | 190.7 | 191.0 | 1.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 173.8 | 174.8 | 175.1 | 1.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 15.7 | 15.9 | 15.8 | 0.1 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 0.0 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.6 | 67.2 | 67.3 | (0.3) |

**NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR ('000)**

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | 1996 DEC | 1997 JAN | 1997 DEC | 1998 JAN |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Employment | 394.5 | 385.9 | 396.1 | 398.4 |
| Total Goods Producing Sectors | 84.6 | 84.2 | 96.4 | 96.8 |
| Agriculture | 7.1 | 7.8 | 6.7 | 6.5 |
| Other Primary | 15.1 | 15.0 | 15.6 | 16.2 |
| Utilities | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.0 |
| Manufacturing | 38.0 | 39.0 | 48.3 | 48.0 |
| Construction | 20.7 | 20.1 | 22.6 | 23.1 |
| Total Service Producing Sectors | 299.9 | 300.8 | 299.7 | 301.6 |
| Transportation, Storage & Communication | 25.8 | 25.6 | 24.9 | 25.2 |
| Trade | 73.7 | 73.1 | 73.0 | 73.9 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 19.0 | 19.1 | 18.7 | 19.2 |
| Community, Business & Personal Services | 151.3 | 153.1 | 155.2 | 155.6 |
| Public Administration | 30.0 | 29.8 | 27.8 | 27.7 |

## EMPLOYMENT - ACTUAL - 000's

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-Time | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE |
| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | JAN '97-'98 | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | JAN '97-'98 | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | JAN '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 13,341.6 | 13,979.3 | 13,684.9 | 343.3 | 10,613.7 | 11,233.0 | 10,965.2 | 351.5 | 2,727.9 | 2,746.3 | 2,719.8 | (8.1) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 177.1 | 190.8 | 182.0 | 4.9 | 145.7 | 155.7 | 147.8 | 2.1 | 31.4 | 35.1 | 34.2 | 2.8 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 54.3 | 57.4 | 54.6 | 0.3 | 42.2 | 46.1 | 42.9 | 0.7 | 12.1 | 11.3 | 11.6 | (0.5) |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 371.9 | 396.7 | 387.0 | 15.1 | 285.9 | 311.9 | 303.4 | 17.5 | 0.0 | 84.8 | 83.6 | 83.6 |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 289.4 | 311.0 | 296.4 | 7.0 | 228.0 | 260.1 | 246.3 | 18.3 | 61.4 | 50.9 | 50.1 | (11.3) |
| QUEBEC | 3,106.7 | 3,244.2 | 3,131.6 | 24.9 | 2,498.0 | 2,635.7 | 2,536.1 | 38.1 | 608.7 | 608.4 | 595.5 | (13.2) |
| ONTARIO | 5,191.5 | 5,482.8 | 5,402.2 | 210.7 | 4,162.4 | 4,411.2 | 4,355.2 | 192.8 | 1,029.1 | 1,071.6 | 1,047.0 | 17.9 |
| MANITOBA | 526.2 | 538.6 | 528.2 | 2.0 | 402.8 | 426.3 | 413.0 | 10.2 | 123.5 | 112.2 | 115.1 | (8.4) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 447.6 | 472.4 | 466.8 | 19.2 | 344.1 | 367.7 | 363.6 | 19.5 | 0.0 | 104.8 | 103.2 | 103.2 |
| ALBERTA | 1,392.6 | 1,474.7 | 1,471.1 | 78.5 | 1,110.8 | 1,193.5 | 1,183.0 | 72.2 | 281.8 | 281.2 | 288.1 | 6.3 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 1,784.2 | 1,810.7 | 1,765.2 | (19.0) | 1,393.7 | 1,424.8 | 1,373.9 | (19.8) | 390.5 | 385.9 | 391.3 | 0.8 |

## 15-24 AGE GROUP - ACTUAL

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE |
| | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | JAN '97-'98 | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | JAN '97-'98 | JAN 1997 | DEC 1997 | JAN 1998 | JAN '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 2,244.8 | 2,279.2 | 2,227.7 | (17.1) | 1,830.5 | 1,952.9 | 1,823.8 | (6.7) | 18.5 | 14.3 | 18.1 | (0.4) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 32.3 | 30.0 | 28.1 | (4.2) | 22.1 | 23.1 | 20.3 | (1.8) | 31.6 | 23.0 | 20.0 | (11.6) |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 12.3 | 11.4 | 11.5 | (0.8) | 9.3 | 9.1 | 9.2 | (0.1) | 24.4 | 19.3 | 24.2 | (0.2) |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 65.4 | 71.0 | 70.3 | 4.9 | 52.8 | 56.9 | 53.3 | 0.5 | 19.3 | 19.9 | 22.7 | 3.4 |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 52.6 | 52.9 | 51.1 | (1.5) | 41.1 | 44.0 | 39.5 | (1.6) | 21.9 | 16.8 | 22.3 | 0.4 |
| QUEBEC | 504.8 | 497.2 | 485.6 | (19.2) | 393.7 | 403.3 | 377.2 | (16.5) | 22.0 | 18.9 | 17.0 | (5.0) |
| ONTARIO | 847.7 | 877.6 | 853.6 | 5.9 | 690.0 | 765.9 | 708.4 | 18.4 | 18.6 | 12.7 | 13.2 | (5.4) |
| MANITOBA | 102.7 | 99.3 | 96.9 | (5.8) | 88.7 | 88.6 | 84.0 | (4.7) | 13.6 | 10.8 | 10.6 | (3.0) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 77.6 | 87.9 | 83.7 | 6.1 | 64.8 | 79.6 | 74.8 | 10.0 | 16.5 | 9.6 | 11.7 | (4.8) |
| ALBERTA | 251.3 | 260.0 | 257.9 | 6.6 | 220.0 | 234.7 | 227.7 | 7.7 | 12.5 | 9.7 | 20.6 | 8.1 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 298.2 | 291.9 | 289.0 | (9.2) | 248.0 | 247.7 | 229.4 | (18.6) | 16.8 | 15.2 | 10.6 | (6.2) |

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## CANADA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 15,219.2 | 15,490.2 | 15,534.2 | 315.0 | 14,942.0 | 15,163.2 | 15,245.3 | 303.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 13,748.5 | 14,114.5 | 14,196.2 | 447.7 | 13,375.8 | 13,684.9 | 13,822.9 | 447.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 1,470.7 | 1,375.7 | 1,338.0 | (132.7) | 1,566.3 | 1,478.3 | 1,422.3 | (144.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.7 | 8.9 | 8.6 | (1.1) | 10.5 | 9.7 | 9.3 | (1.2) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.6 | 64.9 | 65.0 | 0.4 | 63.4 | 63.6 | 63.8 | 0.4 |

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| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 449.1 | 453.5 | 458.0 | 8.9 | 432.8 | 439.7 | 441.5 | 8.7 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 388.3 | 402.6 | 410.0 | 21.7 | 369.6 | 387.0 | 391.6 | 22.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 60.8 | 50.9 | 48.0 | (12.8) | 63.2 | 52.7 | 49.9 | (13.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 13.5 | 11.2 | 10.5 | (3.0) | 14.6 | 12.0 | 11.3 | (3.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 60.7 | 60.9 | 61.4 | 0.7 | 58.5 | 59.0 | 59.2 | 0.7 |

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Seasonally Adjusted

## NEWFOUNDLAND

| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 237.2 | 237.8 | 237.1 | (0.1) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 190.2 | 196.0 | 195.6 | 5.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 47.0 | 41.9 | 41.5 | (5.5) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 20.9 | 18.9 | 18.8 | (2.1) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 19.8 | 17.6 | 17.5 | (2.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 52.5 | 53.1 | 52.9 | 0.4 |

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 70.3 | 70.1 | 69.9 | (0.4) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 59.2 | 59.9 | 60.4 | 1.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 11.2 | 10.3 | 9.5 | (1.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 20.5 | 18.4 | 18.0 | 2.1 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 15.9 | 14.7 | 13.6 | (2.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.6 | 65.5 | 65.3 | 0.3 |

## NEW BRUNSWICK

| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 369.5 | 368.1 | 368.9 | (0.6) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 311.6 | 320.4 | 322.0 | 10.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 47.8 | 47.7 | 46.9 | (0.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 14.7 | 14.6 | 14.2 | (0.5) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 13.3 | 13.0 | 12.7 | (0.6) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.7 | 60.9 | 61.0 | 1.3 |

## QUEBEC

| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 3,658.5 | 3,669.7 | 3,680.9 | 22.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 3,226.0 | 3,256.1 | 3,290.8 | 64.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 432.4 | 413.6 | 390.1 | (42.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 13.0 | 12.7 | 11.5 | (1.5) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 11.8 | 11.3 | 10.6 | (1.2) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 61.9 | 61.7 | 61.8 | (0.1) |

NOTE: For regional unemployment rates, see page 5.
Participation rate is the labour force as a % of the population 15 years and over.
Non-civilian and inmate population are not included in labour force data.
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## ONTARIO

| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 5,834.5 | 6,011.1 | 6,026.9 | 192.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 5,308.3 | 5,533.0 | 5,568.4 | 260.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 526.2 | 478.1 | 458.5 | (67.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 9.7 | 8.5 | 8.2 | (1.5) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 9.0 | 8.0 | 7.6 | (1.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.4 | 66.4 | 66.5 | 1.1 |

## MANITOBA

| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 578.0 | 575.2 | 574.7 | (3.3) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 539.2 | 542.4 | 541.1 | 1.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 38.8 | 32.8 | 33.5 | (5.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 7.4 | 6.6 | 6.4 | (1.0) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.7 | 5.7 | 5.8 | (0.9) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.3 | 66.8 | 66.7 | (0.6) |

## SASKATCHEWAN

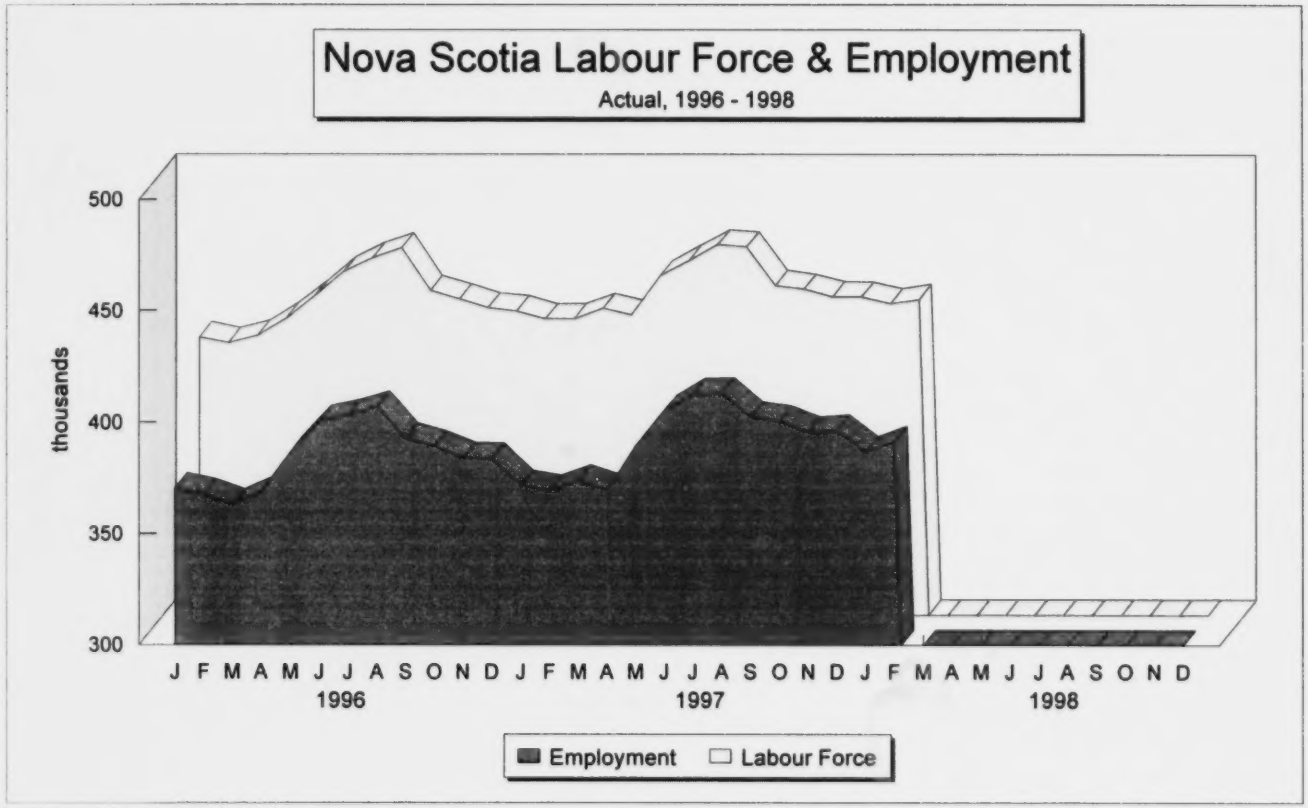
| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 498.1 | 510.8 | 510.6 | 12.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 467.5 | 482.4 | 482.5 | 15.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 30.6 | 28.4 | 28.0 | (2.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 7.0 | 6.2 | 6.1 | (0.9) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.1 | 5.6 | 5.5 | (0.6) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.7 | 67.0 | 67.0 | 1.3 |

## ALBERTA

| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 1,532.3 | 1,589.1 | 1,583.8 | 51.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,429.2 | 1,503.6 | 1,498.7 | 69.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 103.1 | 85.4 | 85.1 | (18.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 7.2 | 5.8 | 5.8 | (1.4) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.7 | 5.4 | 5.4 | (1.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 71.7 | 72.5 | 72.0 | 0.3 |

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 2,001.8 | 2,004.9 | 2,023.4 | 21.6 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,828.9 | 1,818.2 | 1,826.8 | (2.1) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 172.8 | 186.6 | 196.6 | 23.8 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 9.4 | 10.6 | 10.7 | 1.3 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 8.6 | 9.3 | 9.7 | 1.1 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.1 | 64.0 | 64.5 | (0.6) |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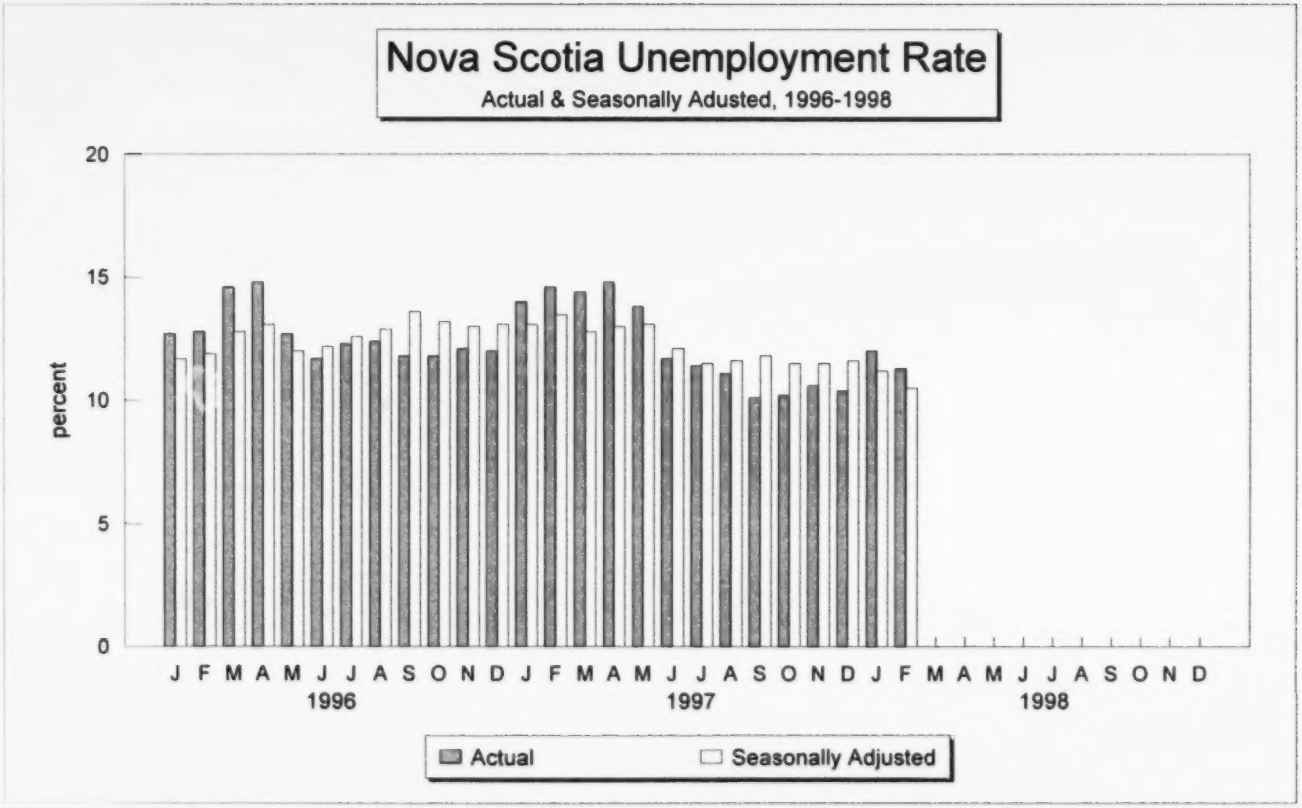
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## HALIFAX METRO

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 186.0 | 188.0 | 189.8 | 3.8 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 168.7 | 171.2 | 174.4 | 5.7 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 17.4 | 16.8 | 15.4 | (2.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.4 | 8.9 | 8.1 | (1.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 68.2 | 68.2 | 68.8 | 0.6 |

## NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 433.9 | 441.7 | 441.3 | 7.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 375.2 | 393.1 | 391.7 | 16.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 58.8 | 48.6 | 49.5 | (9.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 13.6 | 11.0 | 11.2 | (2.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 58.7 | 59.3 | 59.2 | 0.5 |

## NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

### CAPE BRETON

| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 65.2 | 64.5 | 64.4 | (0.8) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 47.5 | 54.6 | 53.2 | 5.7 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 17.7 | 9.8 | 11.3 | (6.4) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 27.1 | 15.2 | 17.5 | (9.6) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 51.8 | 51.1 | 51.0 | (0.8) |

### NORTH SHORE

| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 74.1 | 74.2 | 73.7 | (0.4) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 64.0 | 64.6 | 64.4 | 0.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 10.2 | 9.6 | 9.3 | (0.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 13.8 | 12.9 | 12.6 | (1.2) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 56.3 | 56.1 | 55.7 | (0.6) |

### ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 52.1 | 54.5 | 53.8 | 1.7 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 45.0 | 48.5 | 47.1 | 2.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 7.1 | 6.0 | 6.7 | (0.4) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 13.6 | 11.0 | 12.5 | (1.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 53.7 | 55.6 | 54.8 | 1.1 |

### SOUTHERN

| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 54.3 | 57.6 | 56.7 | 2.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 47.6 | 50.3 | 49.1 | 1.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 6.7 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 0.9 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.3 | 12.7 | 13.4 | 1.1 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 52.4 | 55.4 | 54.5 | 2.1 |

### HALIFAX

| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 188.3 | 191.0 | 192.6 | 4.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 171.2 | 175.1 | 177.9 | 6.7 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 17.1 | 15.8 | 14.7 | (2.4) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.1 | 8.3 | 7.6 | (1.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.0 | 67.3 | 67.7 | 0.7 |

**NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR ('000)**

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | 1997 | | 1998 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JAN | FEB | JAN | FEB |
| Total Employment | 385.9 | 387.5 | 398.4 | 403.3 |
| Total Goods Producing Sectors | 84.2 | 85.6 | 96.8 | 98.1 |
| Agriculture | 7.8 | 7.9 | 6.5 | 6.6 |
| Other Primary | 15.0 | 14.5 | 16.2 | 17.6 |
| Utilities | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
| Manufacturing | 39.0 | 40.5 | 48.0 | 47.4 |
| Construction | 20.1 | 19.7 | 23.1 | 23.7 |
| Total Service Producing Sectors | 300.8 | 301.9 | 301.6 | 305.2 |
| Transportation, Storage & Communication | 25.6 | 25.5 | 25.2 | 25.6 |
| Trade | 73.1 | 72.6 | 73.9 | 76.4 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 19.1 | 19.4 | 19.2 | 19.2 |
| Community, Business & Personal Services | 153.1 | 154.2 | 155.6 | 156.2 |
| Public Administration | 29.8 | 30.2 | 27.7 | 27.8 |

## EMPLOYMENT - ACTUAL - 000's

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-Time | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 13,375.8 | 13,684.9 | 13,822.9 | 447.1 | 10,596.8 | 10,965.2 | 11,064.5 | 467.7 | 2,779.0 | 2,719.8 | 2,758.5 | (20.5) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 177.0 | 182.0 | 181.3 | 4.3 | 147.5 | 147.8 | 146.8 | (0.7) | 29.4 | 34.2 | 34.6 | 5.2 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 53.3 | 54.6 | 54.1 | 0.8 | 42.3 | 42.9 | 42.8 | 0.5 | 11.0 | 11.6 | 11.3 | 0.3 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 369.6 | 387.0 | 391.6 | 22.0 | 283.2 | 303.4 | 306.1 | 22.9 | 86.4 | 83.6 | 85.5 | (0.9) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 289.9 | 296.4 | 298.8 | 8.9 | 230.8 | 246.3 | 247.4 | 16.6 | 59.1 | 50.1 | 51.4 | (7.7) |
| QUEBEC | 3,136.8 | 3,131.6 | 3,201.9 | 65.1 | 2,520.5 | 2,536.1 | 2,599.9 | 79.4 | 616.3 | 595.5 | 602.0 | (14.3) |
| ONTARIO | 5,186.9 | 5,402.2 | 5,449.4 | 262.5 | 4,128.2 | 4,355.2 | 4,372.4 | 244.2 | 1,058.7 | 1,047.0 | 1,077.1 | 18.4 |
| MANITOBA | 529.0 | 528.2 | 531.2 | 2.2 | 407.6 | 413.0 | 416.9 | 9.3 | 121.3 | 115.1 | 114.3 | (7.0) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 453.3 | 466.8 | 468.2 | 14.9 | 348.5 | 363.6 | 361.3 | 12.8 | 104.8 | 103.2 | 106.9 | 2.1 |
| ALBERTA | 1,398.4 | 1,471.1 | 1,468.4 | 70.0 | 1,112.3 | 1,183.0 | 1,180.3 | 68.0 | 286.1 | 288.1 | 288.1 | 2.0 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 1,781.6 | 1,765.2 | 1,777.9 | (3.7) | 1,375.7 | 1,373.9 | 1,390.4 | 14.7 | 405.9 | 391.3 | 387.5 | (18.4) |

## 15-24 AGE GROUP - ACTUAL

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 | FEB 1997 | JAN 1998 | FEB 1998 | CHANGE FEB '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 2,240.2 | 2,227.7 | 2,256.3 | 16.1 | 1,828.7 | 1,823.6 | 1,881.4 | 52.7 | 18.4 | 18.1 | 16.6 | (1.8) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 30.5 | 28.1 | 29.8 | (0.7) | 21.1 | 20.3 | 21.1 | 0.0 | 30.8 | 20.0 | 29.2 | (1.6) |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 11.5 | 11.5 | 10.7 | (0.8) | 8.7 | 9.2 | 8.8 | 0.1 | 24.3 | 24.2 | 18.7 | (5.6) |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 65.5 | 70.3 | 70.0 | 4.5 | 51.7 | 53.3 | 53.7 | 2.0 | 21.1 | 22.7 | 23.3 | 2.2 |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 52.6 | 51.1 | 51.1 | (1.5) | 40.7 | 39.5 | 41.4 | 0.7 | 22.6 | 22.3 | 19.0 | (3.6) |
| QUEBEC | 502.7 | 485.6 | 503.1 | 0.4 | 395.6 | 377.2 | 406.3 | 10.7 | 21.3 | 17.0 | 19.2 | (2.1) |
| ONTARIO | 842.6 | 853.6 | 853.0 | 10.4 | 683.1 | 708.4 | 721.8 | 38.7 | 18.9 | 13.2 | 15.4 | (3.5) |
| MANITOBA | 101.7 | 96.9 | 96.2 | (5.5) | 87.9 | 84.0 | 84.5 | (3.4) | 13.6 | 10.6 | 12.3 | (1.3) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 79.2 | 83.7 | 85.0 | 5.8 | 68.7 | 74.8 | 74.9 | 6.2 | 13.3 | 11.7 | 11.9 | (1.4) |
| ALBERTA | 254.3 | 257.9 | 261.8 | 7.5 | 221.1 | 227.7 | 237.0 | 15.9 | 13.1 | 20.6 | 9.5 | (3.6) |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 299.6 | 289.0 | 295.5 | (4.1) | 250.1 | 229.4 | 231.9 | (18.2) | 16.5 | 10.6 | 21.5 | 5.0 |

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# EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

## MARCH1998

# EMPLOYMENT SITUATION - MARCH1998

## CANADA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 15,226.9 | 15,534.2 | 15,527.1 | 300.2 | 15,017.3 | 15,245.3 | 15,289.3 | 272.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 13,808.8 | 14,196.2 | 14,214.5 | 405.7 | 13,487.3 | 13,822.9 | 13,890.1 | 402.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 1,418.2 | 1,338.0 | 1,312.6 | (105.6) | 1,530.0 | 1,422.3 | 1,399.1 | (130.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.3 | 8.6 | 8.5 | (0.8) | 10.2 | 9.3 | 9.2 | (1.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.6 | 65.0 | 64.9 | 0.3 | 63.7 | 63.8 | 63.9 | 0.2 |

## NOVA SCOTIA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 447.1 | 458.0 | 449.9 | 2.8 | 437.5 | 441.5 | 438.7 | 1.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 390.4 | 410.0 | 404.9 | 14.5 | 374.3 | 391.6 | 388.1 | 13.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 56.7 | 48.0 | 45.1 | (11.6) | 63.2 | 49.9 | 50.5 | (12.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.8 | 10.5 | 10.0 | (2.8) | 14.4 | 11.3 | 11.5 | (2.9) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 60.4 | 61.4 | 60.3 | (0.1) | 59.1 | 59.2 | 58.8 | (0.3) |

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## NEWFOUNDLAND

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

| | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 234.7 | 237.1 | 235.8 | 1.1 | 71.9 | 69.9 | 69.8 | (2.1) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 190.2 | 195.6 | 194.2 | 4.0 | 60.4 | 60.4 | 60.7 | 0.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 44.4 | 41.5 | 41.6 | (2.8) | 11.5 | 9.5 | 9.2 | (2.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | | | | | |
| --Actual | 20.3 | 18.8 | 19.0 | (1.3) | 20.6 | 18.0 | 17.5 | 1.5 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 18.9 | 17.5 | 17.6 | (1.3) | 16.0 | 13.6 | 13.2 | (2.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 52.0 | 52.9 | 52.6 | 0.6 | 67.1 | 65.3 | 65.1 | 2.0 |

## NEW BRUNSWICK

## QUEBEC

| | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 355.5 | 368.9 | 364.6 | 9.1 | 3,657.5 | 3,680.9 | 3,684.4 | 26.9 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 307.3 | 322.0 | 317.7 | 10.4 | 3,248.4 | 3,290.8 | 3,310.4 | 62.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 48.2 | 46.9 | 46.9 | (1.3) | 409.0 | 390.1 | 373.9 | (35.1) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | | | | | |
| --Actual | 15.4 | 14.2 | 14.6 | (0.8) | 12.4 | 11.5 | 10.8 | (1.6) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 13.6 | 12.7 | 12.9 | (0.7) | 11.2 | 10.6 | 10.1 | (1.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.0 | 61.0 | 60.2 | 1.2 | 61.9 | 61.8 | 61.9 | 0.0 |

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## ONTARIO

| | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 5,866.8 | 6,026.9 | 6,017.2 | 150.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 5,352.7 | 5,568.4 | 5,571.7 | 219.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 514.1 | 458.5 | 445.5 | (68.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 9.6 | 8.2 | 8.1 | (1.5) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 8.8 | 7.6 | 7.4 | (1.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.7 | 66.5 | 66.3 | 0.6 |

## MANITOBA

| | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 575.0 | 574.7 | 573.7 | (1.3) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 535.0 | 541.1 | 543.9 | 8.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 40.0 | 33.5 | 29.7 | (10.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 7.7 | 6.4 | 5.7 | (2.0) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 7.0 | 5.8 | 5.2 | (1.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.9 | 66.7 | 66.6 | (0.3) |

## SASKATCHEWAN

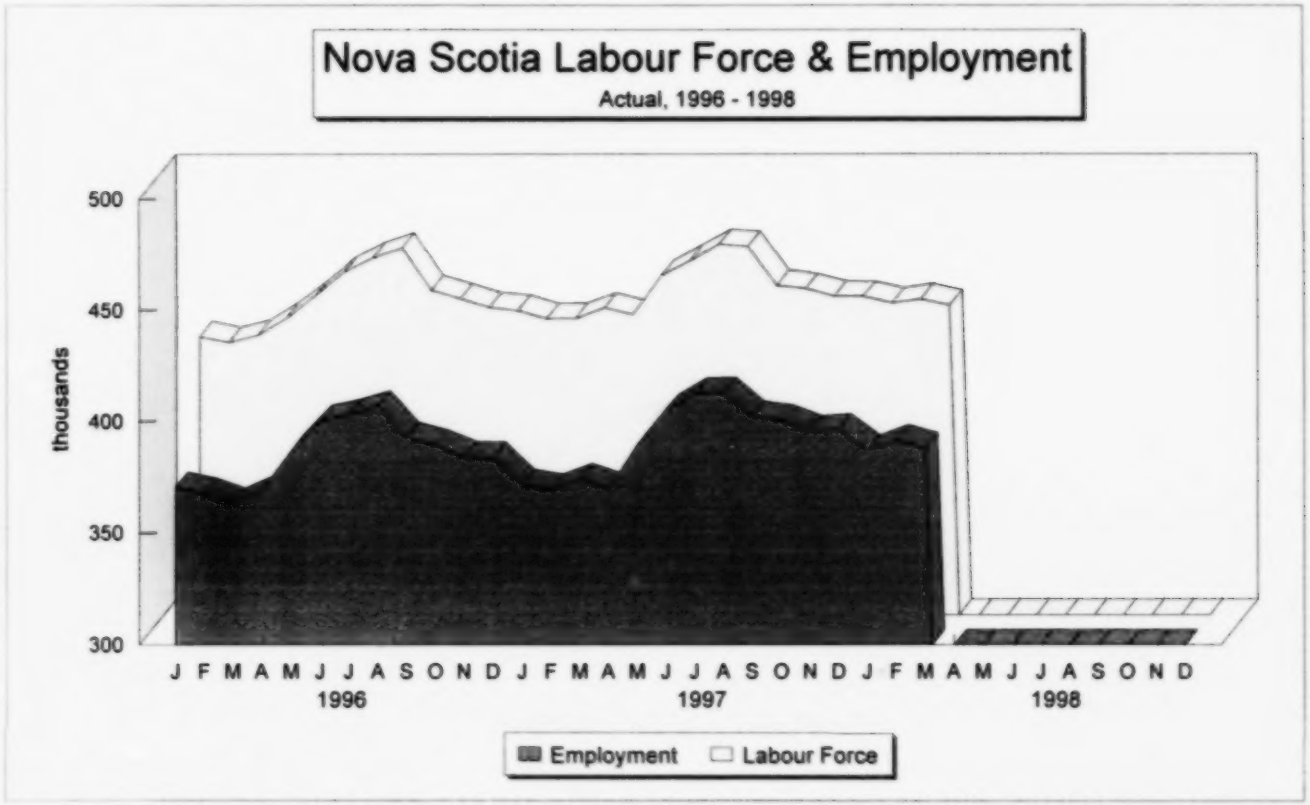
| | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 496.9 | 510.6 | 508.0 | 11.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 466.0 | 482.5 | 480.6 | 14.6 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 30.9 | 28.0 | 27.4 | (3.5) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 7.4 | 6.1 | 6.3 | (1.1) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.2 | 5.5 | 5.4 | (0.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.5 | 67.0 | 66.6 | 1.1 |

## ALBERTA

| | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 1,530.9 | 1,583.8 | 1,580.1 | 49.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,436.2 | 1,498.7 | 1,489.6 | 53.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 94.6 | 85.1 | 90.5 | (4.1) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 6.4 | 5.8 | 6.0 | (0.4) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.2 | 5.4 | 5.7 | (0.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 71.5 | 72.0 | 71.7 | 0.2 |

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

| | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 1,990.7 | 2,023.4 | 2,043.7 | 53.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,822.0 | 1,826.8 | 1,840.8 | 18.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 168.6 | 196.6 | 203.0 | 34.4 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 8.8 | 10.7 | 10.4 | 1.6 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 8.5 | 9.7 | 9.9 | 1.4 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.7 | 64.5 | 65.0 | 0.3 |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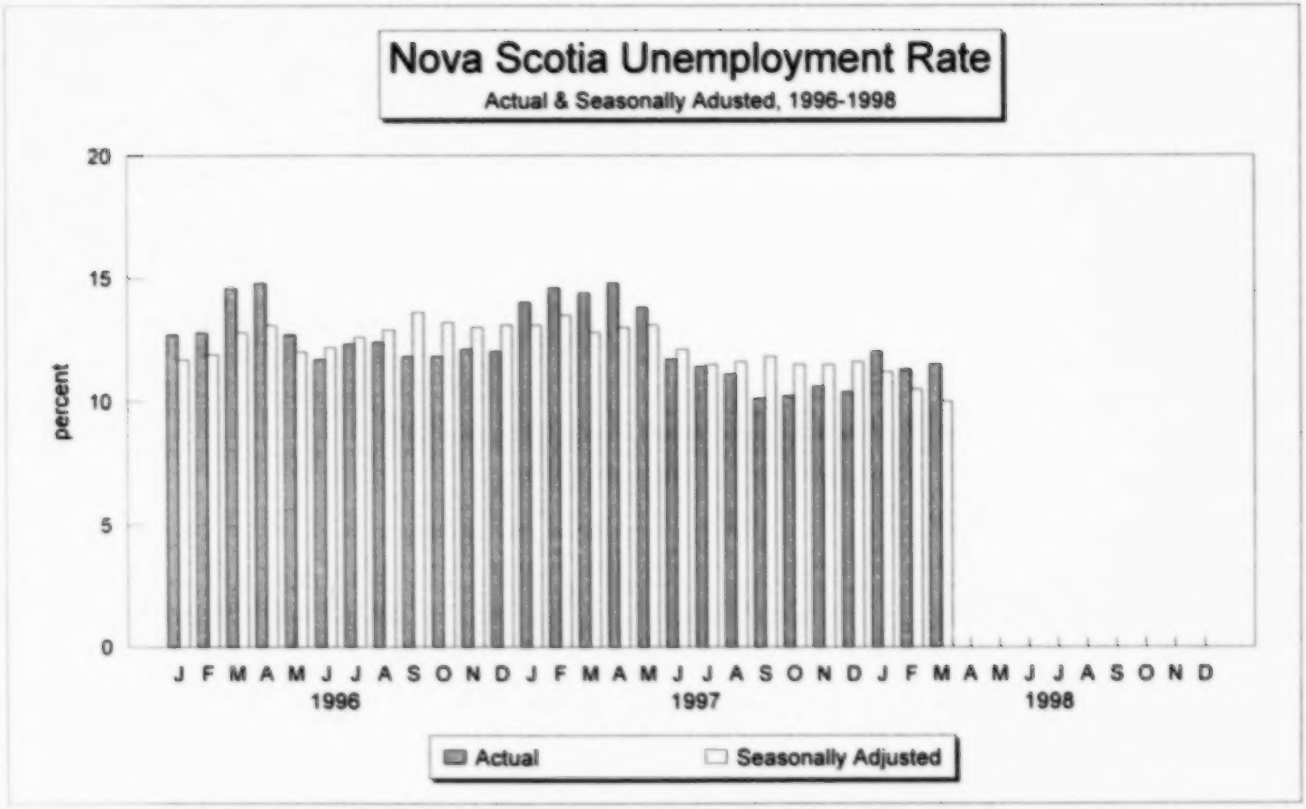
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## HALIFAX METRO

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 186.4 | 189.8 | 189.7 | 3.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 169.1 | 174.4 | 175.3 | 6.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 17.3 | 15.4 | 14.4 | (2.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.3 | 8.1 | 7.6 | (1.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 68.3 | 68.8 | 68.7 | 0.4 |

## NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

| | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 434.3 | 441.3 | 440.0 | 5.7 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 372.0 | 391.7 | 388.9 | 16.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 62.4 | 49.5 | 51.1 | (11.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 14.4 | 11.2 | 11.6 | (2.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 58.7 | 59.2 | 59.0 | 0.3 |

## NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

### CAPE BRETON

| | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 64.5 | 64.4 | 63.8 | (0.7) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 46.8 | 53.2 | 52.1 | 5.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 17.7 | 11.3 | 11.7 | (6.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 27.4 | 17.5 | 18.3 | (9.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 51.2 | 51.0 | 50.6 | (0.6) |

### NORTH SHORE

| | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 73.9 | 73.7 | 74.2 | 0.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 62.9 | 64.4 | 65.0 | 2.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 11.0 | 9.3 | 9.2 | (1.8) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 14.9 | 12.6 | 12.4 | (2.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 56.1 | 55.7 | 56.1 | 0.0 |

### ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

| | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 52.9 | 53.8 | 53.6 | 0.7 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 45.3 | 47.1 | 46.4 | 1.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 7.6 | 6.7 | 7.3 | (0.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 14.4 | 12.5 | 13.6 | (0.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 54.5 | 54.8 | 54.6 | 0.1 |

### SOUTHERN

| | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 54.0 | 56.7 | 55.4 | 1.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 46.5 | 49.1 | 47.4 | 0.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 7.5 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 0.5 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 13.9 | 13.4 | 14.4 | 0.5 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 52.1 | 54.5 | 53.2 | 1.1 |

### HALIFAX

| | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 189.0 | 192.6 | 192.9 | 3.9 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 170.5 | 177.9 | 177.9 | 7.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 18.5 | 14.7 | 14.9 | (3.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.8 | 7.6 | 7.7 | (2.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.2 | 67.7 | 67.8 | 0.6 |

**NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR ('000)**

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | 1997 | | 1998 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | FEB | MAR | FEB | MAR |
| Total Employment | 387.5 | 389.2 | 403.3 | 405.8 |
| Total Goods Producing Sectors | 85.6 | 87.0 | 98.1 | 97.9 |
| Agriculture | 7.9 | 7.9 | 6.6 | 6.8 |
| Other Primary | 14.5 | 14.3 | 17.6 | 18.4 |
| Utilities | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| Manufacturing | 40.5 | 41.7 | 47.4 | 46.2 |
| Construction | 19.7 | 20.2 | 23.7 | 23.8 |
| Total Service Producing Sectors | 301.9 | 302.2 | 305.2 | 307.9 |
| Transportation, Storage & Communication | 25.5 | 24.8 | 25.6 | 26.1 |
| Trade | 72.6 | 73.2 | 76.4 | 78.0 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 19.4 | 19.0 | 19.2 | 19.6 |
| Community, Business & Personal Services | 154.2 | 154.6 | 156.2 | 156.3 |
| Public Administration | 30.2 | 30.6 | 27.8 | 28.0 |

## EMPLOYMENT - ACTUAL - 000's

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-Time | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 13,487.3 | 13,822.9 | 13,890.1 | 402.8 | 10,708.0 | 11,064.5 | 11,139.6 | 431.6 | 2,779.2 | 2,758.5 | 2,750.5 | (28.7) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 177.4 | 181.3 | 180.5 | 3.1 | 145.7 | 146.8 | 146.5 | 0.8 | 31.7 | 34.6 | 34.0 | 2.3 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 54.5 | 54.1 | 54.7 | 0.2 | 42.9 | 42.8 | 43.0 | 0.1 | 11.7 | 11.3 | 11.6 | (0.1) |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 374.3 | 391.6 | 388.1 | 13.8 | 289.2 | 306.1 | 306.6 | 17.4 | 85.1 | 85.5 | 81.5 | (3.6) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 287.3 | 298.8 | 295.3 | 8.0 | 229.8 | 247.4 | 245.5 | 15.7 | 57.5 | 51.4 | 49.8 | (7.7) |
| QUEBEC | 3,173.6 | 3,201.9 | 3,244.0 | 70.4 | 2,560.7 | 2,599.9 | 2,629.7 | 69.0 | 612.8 | 602.0 | 614.3 | 1.5 |
| ONTARIO | 5,236.4 | 5,449.4 | 5,452.8 | 216.4 | 4,167.7 | 4,372.4 | 4,396.6 | 228.9 | 1,068.7 | 1,077.1 | 1,056.1 | (12.6) |
| MANITOBA | 524.8 | 531.2 | 534.2 | 9.4 | 404.4 | 416.9 | 419.1 | 14.7 | 120.4 | 114.3 | 115.0 | (5.4) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 452.3 | 468.2 | 466.6 | 14.3 | 351.1 | 361.3 | 363.3 | 12.2 | 101.3 | 106.9 | 103.3 | 2.0 |
| ALBERTA | 1,417.7 | 1,468.4 | 1,466.5 | 48.8 | 1,117.5 | 1,180.3 | 1,181.1 | 63.6 | 300.1 | 288.1 | 285.3 | (14.8) |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 1,788.9 | 1,777.9 | 1,807.6 | 18.7 | 1,399.0 | 1,390.4 | 1,408.0 | 9.0 | 389.9 | 387.5 | 399.6 | 9.7 |

## 15-24 AGE GROUP - ACTUAL

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 | MAR 1997 | FEB 1998 | MAR 1998 | CHANGE MAR '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 2,253.8 | 2,256.3 | 2,280.9 | 27.1 | 1,857.2 | 1,881.4 | 1,906.0 | 48.8 | 17.6 | 16.6 | 16.4 | (1.2) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 29.6 | 29.8 | 29.5 | (0.1) | 20.3 | 21.1 | 21.4 | 1.1 | 31.4 | 29.2 | 27.1 | (4.3) |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 11.2 | 10.7 | 10.9 | (0.3) | 8.6 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 0.1 | 23.2 | 18.7 | 20.2 | (3.0) |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 68.5 | 70.0 | 68.7 | 0.2 | 53.9 | 53.7 | 54.3 | 0.4 | 21.3 | 23.3 | 21.0 | (0.3) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 51.7 | 51.1 | 51.5 | (0.2) | 37.7 | 41.4 | 38.5 | 0.8 | 26.9 | 19.0 | 25.2 | (1.7) |
| QUEBEC | 502.3 | 503.1 | 517.1 | 14.8 | 402.2 | 406.3 | 423.2 | 21.0 | 19.9 | 19.2 | 18.2 | (1.7) |
| ONTARIO | 854.2 | 853.0 | 859.3 | 5.1 | 700.1 | 721.8 | 727.1 | 27.0 | 18.0 | 15.4 | 15.4 | (2.6) |
| MANITOBA | 99.1 | 96.2 | 96.6 | (2.5) | 85.9 | 84.5 | 85.1 | (0.8) | 13.3 | 12.3 | 11.9 | (1.4) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 80.8 | 85.0 | 83.2 | 2.4 | 71.3 | 74.9 | 71.8 | 0.5 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 13.8 | 2.0 |
| ALBERTA | 251.1 | 261.8 | 260.0 | 8.9 | 220.8 | 237.0 | 232.1 | 11.3 | 12.1 | 9.5 | 10.7 | (1.4) |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 305.4 | 295.5 | 304.1 | (1.3) | 256.4 | 231.9 | 243.8 | (12.6) | 16.0 | 21.5 | 19.9 | 3.9 |

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# EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

## APRIL 1998

# EMPLOYMENT SITUATION - APRIL 1998

## CANADA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 15,301.0 | 15,527.1 | 15,590.8 | 289.8 | 15,076.9 | 15,289.3 | 15,360.0 | 283.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 13,834.4 | 14,214.5 | 14,286.2 | 451.8 | 13,583.5 | 13,890.1 | 14,031.4 | 447.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 1,457.6 | 1,312.6 | 1,304.6 | (153.0) | 1,493.3 | 1,399.1 | 1,328.6 | (164.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.5 | 8.5 | 8.4 | (1.1) | 9.9 | 9.2 | 8.6 | (1.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.8 | 64.9 | 65.1 | 0.3 | 63.8 | 63.9 | 64.2 | 0.4 |

## NOVA SCOTIA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 443.9 | 449.9 | 455.3 | 11.4 | 434.4 | 438.7 | 444.7 | 10.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 386.4 | 404.9 | 406.2 | 19.8 | 370.0 | 388.1 | 388.2 | 18.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 57.5 | 45.1 | 49.1 | (8.4) | 64.4 | 50.5 | 56.5 | (7.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 13.0 | 10.0 | 10.8 | (2.2) | 14.8 | 11.5 | 12.7 | (2.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.9 | 60.3 | 61.0 | 1.1 | 58.7 | 58.8 | 59.6 | 0.9 |

Seasonally Adjusted

## NEWFOUNDLAND

| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 233.9 | 235.8 | 240.0 | 6.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 189.3 | 194.2 | 198.5 | 9.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 44.7 | 41.6 | 41.5 | (3.2) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 21.2 | 19.0 | 19.3 | (1.9) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 19.1 | 17.6 | 17.3 | (1.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 51.8 | 52.6 | 53.6 | 1.8 |

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 71.7 | 69.8 | 71.2 | (0.5) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 60.3 | 60.7 | 60.8 | 0.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 11.4 | 9.2 | 10.4 | (1.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 20.7 | 17.5 | 19.7 | 3.8 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 15.9 | 13.2 | 14.6 | (1.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.9 | 65.1 | 66.5 | 0.4 |

## NEW BRUNSWICK

| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 363.9 | 364.6 | 373.7 | 9.8 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 314.9 | 317.7 | 323.3 | 8.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 49.0 | 46.9 | 50.4 | 1.4 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 15.6 | 14.6 | 15.8 | 0.2 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 13.5 | 12.9 | 13.5 | 0.0 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 60.4 | 60.2 | 61.7 | 1.3 |

## QUEBEC

| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 3,673.6 | 3,684.4 | 3,700.9 | 27.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 3,251.9 | 3,310.4 | 3,313.4 | 61.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 421.7 | 373.9 | 387.5 | (34.2) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 11.9 | 10.8 | 10.7 | (1.2) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 11.5 | 10.1 | 10.5 | (1.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 62.1 | 61.9 | 62.1 | 0.0 |

NOTE: For regional unemployment rates, see page 5.
Participation rate is the labour force as a % of the population 15 years and over.
Non-civilian and inmate population are not included in labour force data.
Revisions to historic labour force data were released in February 1997.

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## ONTARIO

| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 5,893.6 | 6,017.2 | 6,028.0 | 134.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 5,366.8 | 5,571.7 | 5,594.2 | 227.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 526.8 | 445.5 | 433.8 | (93.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 9.0 | 8.1 | 7.2 | (1.8) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 8.9 | 7.4 | 7.2 | (1.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.9 | 66.3 | 66.3 | 0.4 |

## MANITOBA

| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 574.4 | 573.7 | 576.8 | 2.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 536.6 | 543.9 | 545.3 | 8.7 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 37.8 | 29.7 | 31.5 | (6.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 7.3 | 5.7 | 6.0 | (1.3) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.6 | 5.2 | 5.5 | (1.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.7 | 66.6 | 66.9 | 0.2 |

## SASKATCHEWAN

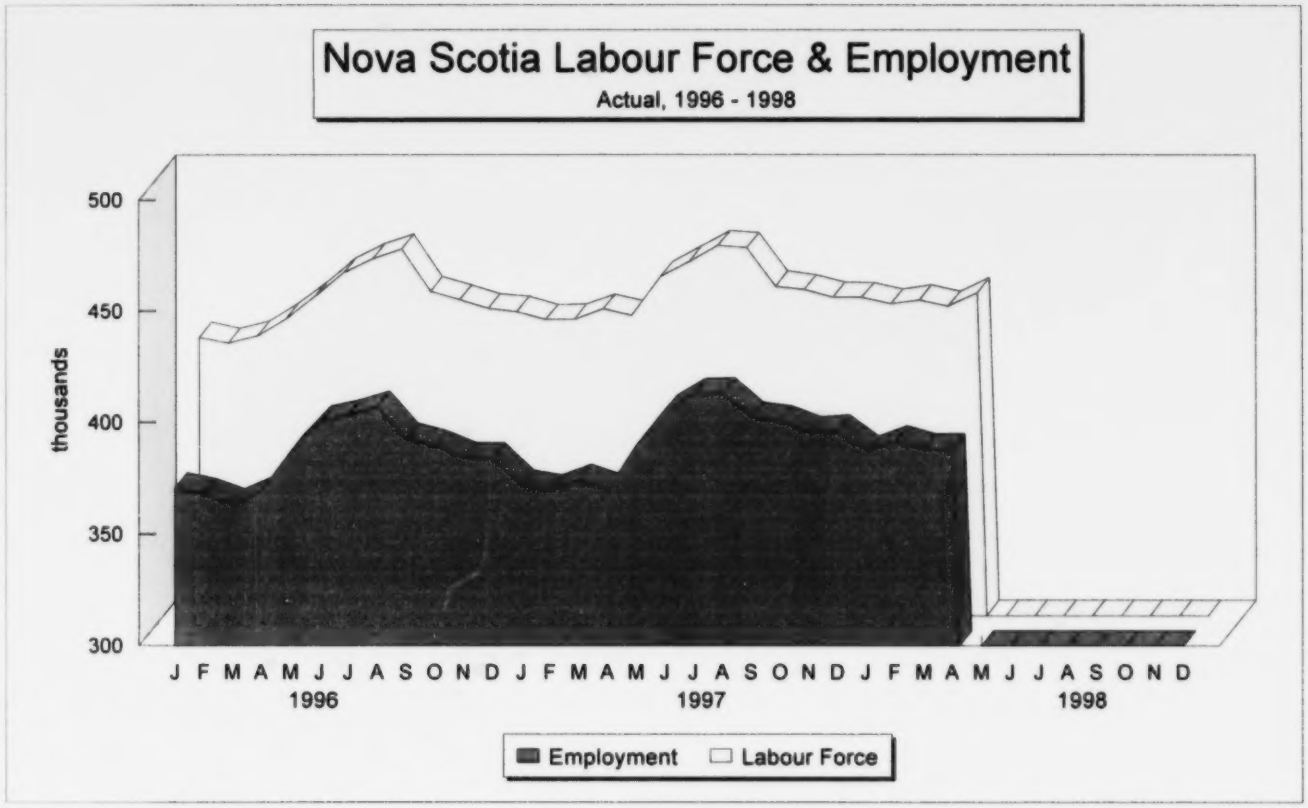
| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 504.3 | 508.0 | 508.6 | 4.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 473.0 | 480.6 | 479.1 | 6.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 31.3 | 27.4 | 29.6 | (1.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 7.1 | 6.3 | 6.6 | (0.5) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.2 | 5.4 | 5.8 | (0.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.5 | 66.6 | 66.7 | 0.2 |

## ALBERTA

| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 1,534.8 | 1,580.1 | 1,601.1 | 66.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,440.1 | 1,489.6 | 1,518.6 | 78.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 94.7 | 90.5 | 82.5 | (12.2) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 6.5 | 6.0 | 5.4 | (1.1) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.2 | 5.7 | 5.2 | (1.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 71.5 | 71.7 | 72.5 | 1.0 |

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 2,006.8 | 2,043.7 | 2,035.3 | 28.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,824.1 | 1,840.8 | 1,846.8 | 22.7 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 182.7 | 203.0 | 188.4 | 5.7 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 9.3 | 10.4 | 9.3 | 0.0 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 9.1 | 9.9 | 9.3 | 0.2 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.0 | 65.0 | 64.7 | (0.3) |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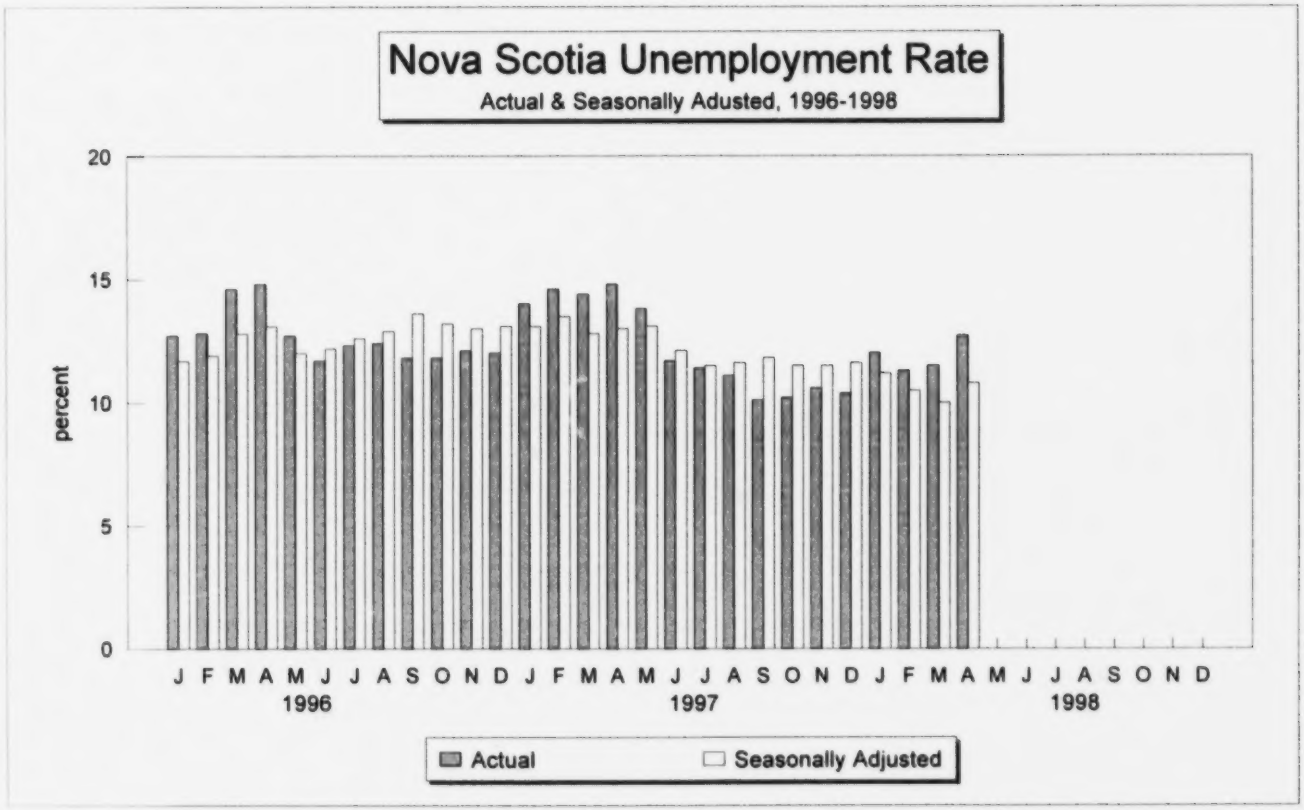
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## HALIFAX METRO

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 186.2 | 189.7 | 189.7 | 3.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 168.8 | 175.3 | 175.2 | 6.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 17.4 | 14.4 | 14.4 | (3.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.3 | 7.6 | 7.6 | (1.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 68.2 | 68.7 | 68.6 | 0.4 |

## NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 434.9 | 440.0 | 441.6 | 6.7 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 371.3 | 388.9 | 389.3 | 18.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 63.6 | 51.1 | 52.3 | (11.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 14.6 | 11.6 | 11.8 | (2.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 58.8 | 59.0 | 59.2 | 0.4 |

## NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

### CAPE BRETON

| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 63.9 | 63.8 | 64.3 | 0.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 46.7 | 52.1 | 52.2 | 5.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 17.3 | 11.7 | 12.1 | (5.2) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 27.1 | 18.3 | 18.8 | (8.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 50.7 | 50.6 | 51.0 | 0.3 |

### NORTH SHORE

| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 72.4 | 74.2 | 75.0 | 2.6 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 61.5 | 65.0 | 65.6 | 4.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 10.9 | 9.2 | 9.5 | (1.4) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 15.1 | 12.4 | 12.7 | (2.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 55.0 | 56.1 | 56.6 | 1.6 |

### ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 54.9 | 53.6 | 54.0 | (0.9) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 47.0 | 46.4 | 46.9 | (0.1) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 7.9 | 7.3 | 7.1 | (0.8) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 14.4 | 13.6 | 13.1 | (1.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 56.5 | 54.6 | 54.9 | (1.6) |

### SOUTHERN

| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 54.7 | 55.4 | 55.5 | 0.8 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 46.4 | 47.4 | 47.4 | 1.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 8.3 | 8.0 | 8.2 | (0.1) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 15.2 | 14.4 | 14.8 | (0.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 52.7 | 53.2 | 53.4 | 0.7 |

### HALIFAX

| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | CHANGE APR '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 189.0 | 192.9 | 192.7 | 3.7 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 169.8 | 177.9 | 177.2 | 7.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 19.1 | 14.9 | 15.5 | (3.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 10.1 | 7.7 | 8.0 | (2.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.1 | 67.8 | 67.6 | 0.5 |

**NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR ('000)**

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | 1997 | | 1998 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | MAR | APR | MAR | APR |
| Total Employment | 389.2 | 388.4 | 405.8 | 407.0 |
| Total Goods Producing Sectors | 87.0 | 88.1 | 97.9 | 98.3 |
| Agriculture | 7.9 | 7.8 | 6.8 | 7.5 |
| Other Primary | 14.3 | 14.1 | 18.4 | 19.0 |
| Utilities | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| Manufacturing | 41.7 | 43.2 | 46.2 | 45.1 |
| Construction | 20.2 | 20.5 | 23.8 | 23.9 |
| Total Service Producing Sectors | 302.2 | 300.3 | 307.9 | 308.7 |
| Transportation, Storage & Communication | 24.8 | 23.6 | 26.1 | 26.9 |
| Trade | 73.2 | 74.0 | 78.0 | 78.8 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 19.0 | 18.9 | 19.6 | 19.3 |
| Community, Business & Personal Services | 154.6 | 152.2 | 156.3 | 155.7 |
| Public Administration | 30.6 | 31.6 | 28.0 | 28.0 |

## EMPLOYMENT - ACTUAL - 000's

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-Time | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE |
| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | APR '97-'98 | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | APR '97-'98 | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | APR '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 13,583.5 | 13,890.1 | 14,031.4 | 447.9 | 10,864.7 | 11,139.6 | 11,263.7 | 399.0 | 2,718.8 | 2,750.5 | 2,767.7 | 48.9 |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 176.0 | 180.5 | 185.3 | 9.3 | 146.4 | 146.5 | 149.9 | 3.5 | 29.6 | 34.0 | 35.4 | 5.8 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 54.7 | 54.7 | 55.1 | 0.4 | 44.1 | 43.0 | 44.4 | 0.3 | 10.6 | 11.6 | 10.6 | 0.0 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 370.0 | 388.1 | 388.2 | 18.2 | 288.4 | 306.6 | 306.9 | 18.5 | 81.6 | 81.5 | 81.3 | (0.3) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 295.1 | 295.3 | 303.2 | 8.1 | 237.0 | 245.5 | 250.3 | 13.3 | 58.1 | 49.8 | 52.8 | (5.3) |
| QUEBEC | 3,185.3 | 3,244.0 | 3,252.9 | 67.6 | 2,581.3 | 2,629.7 | 2,640.8 | 59.5 | 604.1 | 614.3 | 612.2 | 8.1 |
| ONTARIO | 5,291.5 | 5,452.8 | 5,517.2 | 225.7 | 4,246.5 | 4,396.6 | 4,465.6 | 219.1 | 1,045.0 | 1,056.1 | 1,051.5 | 6.5 |
| MANITOBA | 527.8 | 534.2 | 536.5 | 8.7 | 415.0 | 419.1 | 426.4 | 11.4 | 112.8 | 115.0 | 110.1 | (2.7) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 463.3 | 466.6 | 468.7 | 5.4 | 362.8 | 363.3 | 373.2 | 10.4 | 100.5 | 103.3 | 95.5 | (5.0) |
| ALBERTA | 1,413.3 | 1,466.5 | 1,494.1 | 80.8 | 1,131.7 | 1,181.1 | 1,195.9 | 64.2 | 281.7 | 285.3 | 298.2 | 16.5 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 1,806.5 | 1,807.6 | 1,830.2 | 23.7 | 1,411.6 | 1,408.0 | 1,410.2 | (1.4) | 394.8 | 399.6 | 420.0 | 25.2 |

## 15-24 AGE GROUP - ACTUAL

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE |
| | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | APR '97-'98 | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | APR '97-'98 | APR 1997 | MAR 1998 | APR 1998 | APR '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 2,243.3 | 2,280.9 | 2,307.2 | 63.9 | 1,852.8 | 1,906.0 | 1,937.2 | 84.4 | 17.4 | 16.4 | 16.0 | (1.4) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 29.4 | 29.5 | 31.7 | 2.3 | 21.0 | 21.4 | 22.9 | 1.9 | 28.6 | 27.1 | 27.8 | (0.8) |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 11.8 | 10.9 | 11.4 | (0.4) | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.2 | (0.5) | 26.3 | 20.2 | 28.1 | 1.8 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 66.8 | 68.7 | 71.3 | 4.5 | 49.9 | 54.3 | 54.4 | 4.5 | 25.3 | 21.0 | 23.7 | (1.6) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 54.5 | 51.5 | 57.0 | 2.5 | 41.3 | 38.5 | 42.9 | 1.6 | 24.2 | 25.2 | 24.7 | 0.5 |
| QUEBEC | 486.6 | 517.1 | 526.0 | 39.4 | 397.2 | 423.2 | 433.8 | 36.6 | 18.4 | 18.2 | 17.5 | (0.9) |
| ONTARIO | 847.8 | 859.3 | 850.9 | 3.1 | 696.9 | 727.1 | 720.0 | 23.1 | 17.8 | 15.4 | 15.4 | (2.4) |
| MANITOBA | 97.5 | 96.6 | 99.2 | 1.7 | 84.5 | 85.1 | 86.3 | 1.8 | 13.2 | 11.9 | 13.0 | (0.2) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 86.8 | 83.2 | 85.2 | (1.6) | 76.2 | 71.8 | 74.4 | (1.8) | 12.3 | 13.8 | 12.7 | 0.4 |
| ALBERTA | 251.1 | 260.0 | 272.7 | 21.6 | 217.6 | 232.1 | 245.5 | 27.9 | 13.3 | 10.7 | 10.0 | (3.3) |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 311.0 | 304.1 | 301.8 | (9.2) | 259.3 | 243.8 | 248.8 | (10.5) | 16.6 | 19.9 | 17.6 | 1.0 |

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# EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

## MAY 1998

# EMPLOYMENT SITUATION - MAY 1998

## CANADA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 15,340.2 | 15,590.8 | 15,585.9 | 245.7 | 15,472.1 | 15,360.0 | 15,713.2 | 241.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 13,894.0 | 14,286.2 | 14,278.9 | 384.9 | 14,003.2 | 14,031.4 | 14,386.5 | 383.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 1,446.2 | 1,304.6 | 1,307.0 | (139.2) | 1,468.9 | 1,328.6 | 1,326.7 | (142.2) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.4 | 8.4 | 8.4 | (1.0) | 9.5 | 8.6 | 8.4 | (1.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.9 | 65.1 | 65.1 | 0.2 | 65.4 | 64.2 | 65.6 | 0.2 |

## NOVA SCOTIA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 447.5 | 455.3 | 455.1 | 7.6 | 452.2 | 444.7 | 459.3 | 7.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 388.9 | 406.2 | 407.7 | 18.8 | 389.6 | 388.2 | 408.5 | 18.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 58.6 | 49.1 | 47.4 | (11.2) | 62.6 | 56.5 | 50.8 | (11.8) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 13.1 | 10.8 | 10.4 | (2.7) | 13.8 | 12.7 | 11.1 | (2.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 60.4 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 0.6 | 61.0 | 59.6 | 61.6 | 0.6 |

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Seasonally Adjusted

## NEWFOUNDLAND

| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 235.9 | 240.0 | 239.8 | 3.9 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 187.9 | 198.5 | 199.5 | 11.6 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 48.0 | 41.5 | 40.3 | (7.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 23.3 | 19.3 | 19.4 | (3.9) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 20.3 | 17.3 | 16.8 | (3.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 52.3 | 53.6 | 53.7 | 1.4 |

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 70.8 | 71.2 | 71.7 | 0.9 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 59.8 | 60.8 | 62.0 | 2.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 11.0 | 10.4 | 9.7 | (1.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 13.7 | 19.7 | 11.3 | (4.2) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 15.5 | 14.6 | 13.5 | (2.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.0 | 66.5 | 66.9 | (0.9) |

## NEW BRUNSWICK

| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 359.6 | 373.7 | 367.8 | 8.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 310.5 | 323.3 | 321.1 | 10.6 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 49.1 | 50.4 | 46.7 | (2.4) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 14.2 | 15.8 | 13.2 | (1.0) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 13.7 | 13.5 | 12.7 | (1.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.6 | 61.7 | 60.7 | 1.1 |

## QUEBEC

| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 3,703.9 | 3,700.9 | 3,686.6 | (17.3) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 3,257.6 | 3,313.4 | 3,299.7 | 42.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 446.3 | 387.5 | 386.9 | (59.4) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 11.5 | 10.7 | 10.1 | (1.4) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 12.0 | 10.5 | 10.5 | (1.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 62.6 | 62.1 | 61.8 | (0.8) |

NOTE: For regional unemployment rates, see page 5.
Participation rate is the labour force as a % of the population 15 years and over.
Non-civilian and inmate population are not included in labour force data.
Revisions to historic labour force data were released in February 1997.

## ONTARIO

| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 5,902.5 | 6,028.0 | 6,037.3 | 134.8 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 5,402.4 | 5,594.2 | 5,607.5 | 205.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 500.2 | 433.8 | 429.7 | (70.5) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 8.8 | 7.2 | 7.3 | (1.5) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 8.5 | 7.2 | 7.1 | (1.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.9 | 66.3 | 66.3 | 0.4 |

## MANITOBA

| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 574.4 | 576.8 | 573.4 | (1.0) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 536.0 | 545.3 | 543.1 | 7.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 38.3 | 31.5 | 30.3 | (8.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 6.7 | 6.0 | 5.3 | (1.4) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.7 | 5.5 | 5.3 | (1.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.7 | 66.9 | 66.5 | (0.2) |

## SASKATCHEWAN

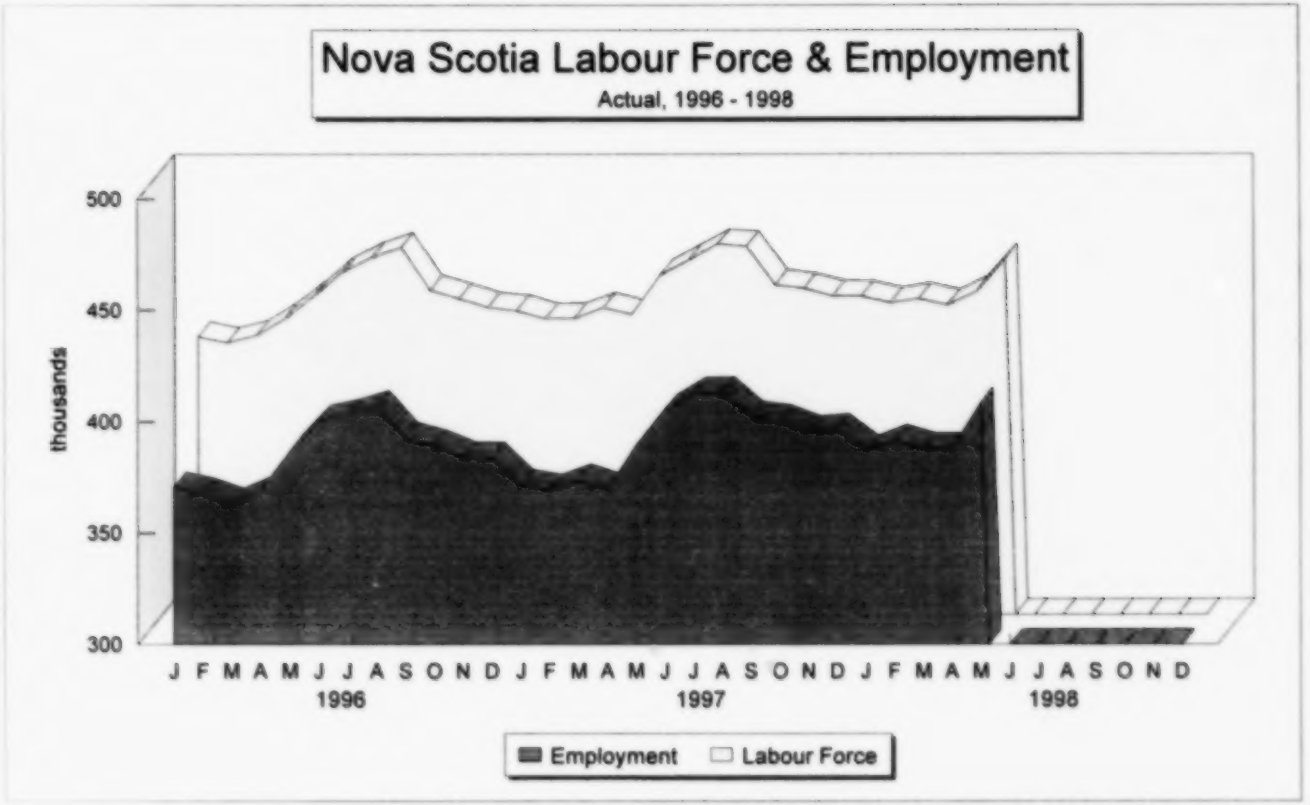
| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 504.5 | 508.6 | 503.7 | (0.8) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 475.6 | 479.1 | 476.6 | 1.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 22.8 | 29.6 | 27.1 | 4.3 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 5.6 | 6.6 | 5.3 | (0.3) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.4 | (0.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.4 | 66.7 | 66.0 | (0.4) |

## ALBERTA

| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 1,538.2 | 1,601.1 | 1,603.0 | 64.8 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,449.0 | 1,518.6 | 1,511.9 | 62.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 89.2 | 82.5 | 91.0 | 1.8 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 6.0 | 5.4 | 5.9 | (0.1) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 5.8 | 5.2 | 5.7 | (0.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 71.5 | 72.5 | 72.4 | 0.9 |

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 2,002.9 | 2,035.3 | 2,047.7 | 44.8 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,826.3 | 1,846.8 | 1,849.8 | 23.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 176.6 | 188.4 | 197.9 | 21.3 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 8.7 | 9.3 | 9.6 | 0.9 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 8.6 | 9.3 | 9.7 | 1.1 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.8 | 64.7 | 65.1 | 0.3 |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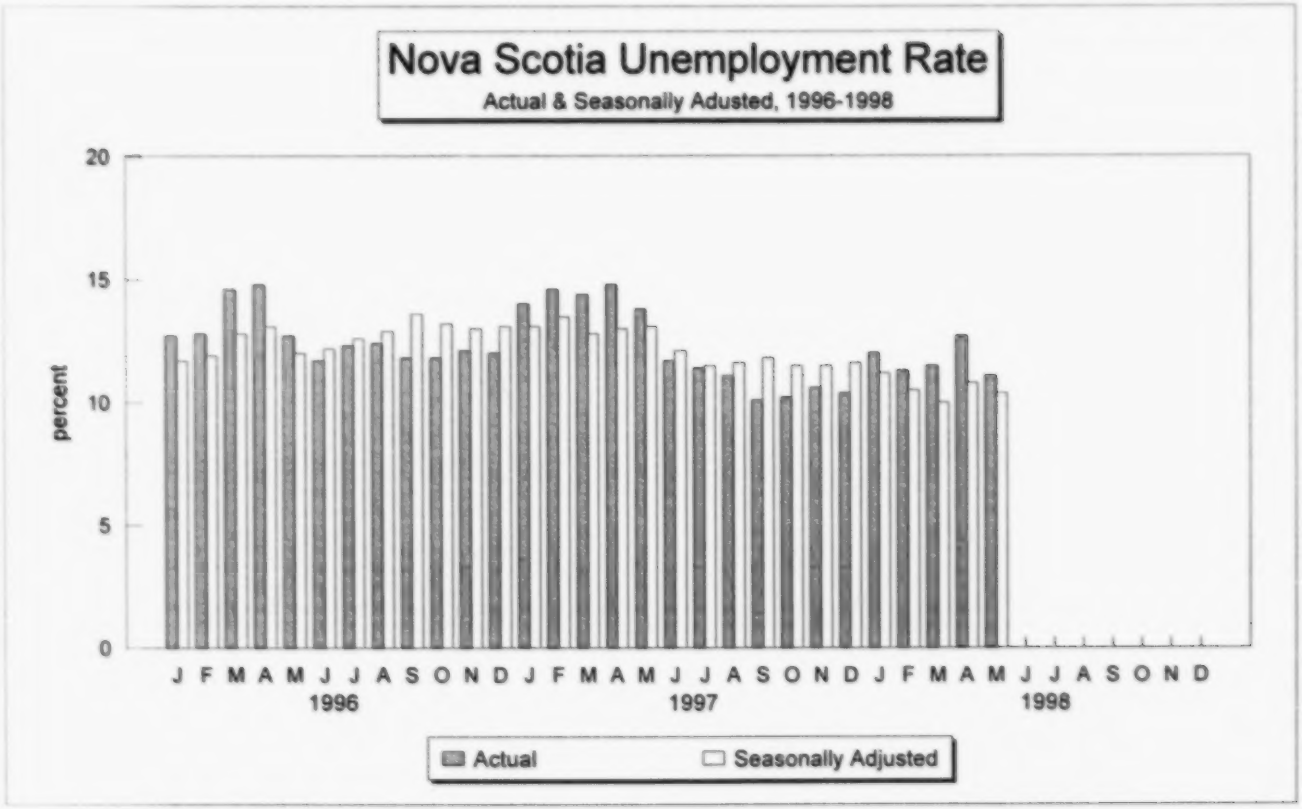
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## HALIFAX METRO

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 186.8 | 189.7 | 189.0 | 2.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 169.5 | 175.2 | 174.6 | 5.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 17.3 | 14.4 | 14.5 | (2.8) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.3 | 7.6 | 7.7 | (1.6) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 68.4 | 68.6 | 68.3 | (0.1) |

## NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 441.4 | 441.6 | 447.5 | 6.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 378.0 | 389.3 | 394.9 | 16.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 63.4 | 52.3 | 52.6 | (10.8) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 14.4 | 11.8 | 11.8 | (2.6) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.6 | 59.2 | 60.0 | 0.4 |

## NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

### CAPE BRETON

| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 65.0 | 64.3 | 65.9 | 0.9 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 48.3 | 52.2 | 53.8 | 5.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 16.7 | 12.1 | 12.0 | (4.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 25.7 | 18.8 | 18.2 | (7.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 51.6 | 51.0 | 52.3 | 0.7 |

### NORTH SHORE

| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 72.7 | 75.0 | 76.9 | 4.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 61.8 | 65.6 | 67.3 | 5.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 11.0 | 9.5 | 9.6 | (1.4) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 15.1 | 12.7 | 12.5 | (2.6) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 55.2 | 56.6 | 58.1 | 2.9 |

### ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 56.2 | 54.0 | 55.0 | (1.2) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 48.5 | 46.9 | 48.4 | (0.1) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 7.7 | 7.1 | 6.6 | (1.1) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 13.7 | 13.1 | 12.0 | (1.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 57.8 | 54.9 | 56.0 | (1.8) |

### SOUTHERN

| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 57.0 | 55.5 | 56.6 | (0.4) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 48.4 | 47.4 | 48.6 | 0.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 8.6 | 8.2 | 8.0 | (0.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 15.1 | 14.8 | 14.1 | (1.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 54.9 | 53.4 | 54.4 | (0.5) |

### HALIFAX

| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 190.5 | 192.7 | 193.1 | 2.6 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 171.0 | 177.2 | 176.7 | 5.7 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 19.5 | 15.5 | 16.4 | (3.1) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 10.2 | 8.0 | 8.5 | (1.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.6 | 67.6 | 67.7 | 0.1 |

**NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR ('000)**
Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | 1997 | | 1998 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | APR | MAY | APR | MAY |
| Total Employment | 388.4 | 388.6 | 407.0 | 406.3 |
| Total Goods Producing Sectors | 88.1 | 89.6 | 98.3 | 98.1 |
| Agriculture | 7.8 | 8.4 | 7.5 | 8.1 |
| Other Primary | 14.1 | 14.4 | 19.0 | 19.1 |
| Utilities | 2.5 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 2.6 |
| Manufacturing | 43.2 | 43.6 | 45.1 | 44.7 |
| Construction | 20.5 | 21.1 | 23.9 | 23.6 |
| Total Service Producing Sectors | 300.3 | 298.9 | 308.7 | 308.2 |
| Transportation, Storage & Communication | 23.6 | 23.5 | 26.9 | 27.5 |
| Trade | 74.0 | 73.6 | 78.8 | 77.4 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 18.9 | 18.7 | 19.3 | 19.8 |
| Community, Business & Personal Services | 152.2 | 151.2 | 155.7 | 156.0 |
| Public Administration | 31.6 | 32.0 | 28.0 | 27.4 |

## EMPLOYMENT - ACTUAL - 000's

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-Time | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 14,003.2 | 14,031.4 | 14,386.5 | 383.3 | 11,352.3 | 11,263.7 | 11,729.1 | 376.8 | 2,650.9 | 2,767.7 | 2,657.4 | 6.5 |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 183.3 | 185.3 | 194.8 | 11.5 | 155.1 | 149.9 | 159.4 | 4.3 | 28.2 | 35.4 | 35.3 | 7.1 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 62.4 | 55.1 | 64.9 | 2.5 | 52.2 | 44.4 | 53.8 | 1.6 | 10.1 | 10.6 | 11.1 | 1.0 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 389.6 | 388.2 | 408.5 | 18.9 | 307.1 | 306.9 | 331.9 | 24.8 | 82.5 | 81.3 | 76.6 | (5.9) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 316.7 | 303.2 | 327.3 | 10.6 | 262.0 | 250.3 | 272.6 | 10.6 | 54.7 | 52.8 | 54.7 | 0.0 |
| QUEBEC | 3,293.7 | 3,252.9 | 3,336.0 | 42.3 | 2,716.3 | 2,640.8 | 2,760.1 | 43.8 | 577.3 | 612.2 | 575.9 | (1.4) |
| ONTARIO | 5,424.2 | 5,517.2 | 5,631.9 | 207.7 | 4,396.3 | 4,465.6 | 4,612.9 | 216.6 | 1,027.9 | 1,051.5 | 1,019.0 | (8.9) |
| MANITOBA | 541.1 | 536.5 | 546.8 | 5.7 | 437.2 | 426.4 | 444.8 | 7.6 | 103.9 | 110.1 | 102.0 | (1.9) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 485.1 | 468.7 | 485.4 | 0.3 | 383.6 | 373.2 | 393.3 | 9.7 | 101.5 | 95.5 | 92.1 | (9.4) |
| ALBERTA | 1,463.4 | 1,494.1 | 1,525.6 | 62.2 | 1,188.6 | 1,195.9 | 1,243.5 | 54.9 | 274.8 | 298.2 | 282.1 | 7.3 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 1,843.6 | 1,830.2 | 1,865.5 | 21.9 | 1,453.8 | 1,410.2 | 1,456.9 | 3.1 | 389.8 | 420.0 | 408.6 | 18.8 |

## 15-24 AGE GROUP - ACTUAL

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 | MAY 1997 | APR 1998 | MAY 1998 | CHANGE MAY '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 2,477.8 | 2,307.2 | 2,537.3 | 59.5 | 2,029.9 | 1,937.2 | 2,116.2 | 86.3 | 18.1 | 16.0 | 16.6 | (1.5) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 37.2 | 31.7 | 37.2 | 0.0 | 22.9 | 22.9 | 24.0 | 1.1 | 38.4 | 27.8 | 35.5 | (2.9) |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 13.6 | 11.4 | 13.5 | (0.1) | 11.2 | 8.2 | 11.7 | 0.5 | 17.6 | 28.1 | 12.6 | (5.0) |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 78.9 | 71.3 | 78.2 | (0.7) | 56.2 | 54.4 | 61.3 | 5.1 | 28.6 | 23.7 | 21.6 | (7.0) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 63.2 | 57.0 | 66.3 | 3.1 | 49.3 | 42.9 | 52.4 | 3.1 | 22.0 | 24.7 | 21.0 | (1.0) |
| QUEBEC | 533.8 | 526.0 | 562.4 | 28.6 | 430.2 | 433.8 | 463.5 | 33.3 | 19.4 | 17.5 | 17.6 | (1.8) |
| ONTARIO | 943.8 | 850.9 | 959.1 | 15.3 | 765.4 | 720.0 | 795.6 | 30.2 | 18.9 | 15.4 | 17.0 | (1.9) |
| MANITOBA | 108.5 | 99.2 | 102.5 | (6.0) | 95.2 | 86.3 | 91.4 | (3.8) | 12.2 | 13.0 | 10.8 | (1.4) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 96.8 | 85.2 | 93.0 | (3.8) | 87.2 | 74.4 | 82.2 | (5.0) | 9.9 | 12.7 | 11.6 | 1.7 |
| ALBERTA | 277.0 | 272.7 | 302.2 | 25.2 | 241.4 | 245.5 | 268.6 | 27.2 | 12.9 | 10.0 | 11.1 | (1.8) |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 325.2 | 301.8 | 323.1 | (2.1) | 271.0 | 248.8 | 265.5 | (5.5) | 16.7 | 17.6 | 17.8 | 1.1 |

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# EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

## JUNE 1998

# EMPLOYMENT SITUATION - JUNE 1998

## CANADA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 15,337.8 | 15,585.9 | 15,544.8 | 207.0 | 15,726.9 | 15,713.2 | 15,919.4 | 192.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 13,942.3 | 14,278.9 | 14,243.0 | 300.7 | 14,349.3 | 14,386.5 | 14,639.3 | 290.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 1,395.4 | 1,307.0 | 1,301.9 | (93.5) | 1,377.6 | 1,326.7 | 1,280.1 | (97.5) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.1 | 8.4 | 8.4 | (0.7) | 8.8 | 8.4 | 8.0 | (0.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.8 | 65.1 | 64.8 | 0.0 | 66.4 | 65.6 | 66.4 | 0.0 |

## NOVA SCOTIA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 444.7 | 455.1 | 450.3 | 5.6 | 458.9 | 459.3 | 464.5 | 5.6 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 391.0 | 407.7 | 403.2 | 12.2 | 405.4 | 408.5 | 418.2 | 12.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 53.7 | 47.4 | 47.1 | (6.6) | 53.5 | 50.8 | 46.4 | (7.1) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.1 | 10.4 | 10.5 | (1.6) | 11.7 | 11.1 | 10.0 | (1.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 60.0 | 61.0 | 60.4 | 0.4 | 61.9 | 61.6 | 62.3 | 0.4 |

Seasonally Adjusted

## NEWFOUNDLAND

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

| | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 233.3 | 239.8 | 242.6 | 9.3 | 70.9 | 71.7 | 71.5 | 0.6 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 189.6 | 199.5 | 202.4 | 12.8 | 60.4 | 62.0 | 62.1 | 1.7 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 43.8 | 40.3 | 40.3 | (3.5) | 10.4 | 9.7 | 9.4 | (1.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | | | | | |
| --Actual | 19.6 | 19.4 | 17.4 | (2.2) | 10.4 | 11.3 | 9.2 | (1.2) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 18.8 | 16.8 | 16.6 | (2.2) | 14.7 | 13.5 | 13.1 | (1.6) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 51.8 | 53.7 | 54.4 | 2.6 | 66.1 | 66.9 | 66.8 | (0.7) |

## NEW BRUNSWICK

## QUEBEC

| | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 364.0 | 367.8 | 364.9 | 0.9 | 3,685.7 | 3,686.6 | 3,681.5 | (4.2) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 317.1 | 321.1 | 320.1 | 3.0 | 3,274.9 | 3,299.7 | 3,291.7 | 16.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 46.9 | 46.7 | 44.8 | (2.1) | 410.8 | 386.9 | 389.8 | (21.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | | | | | |
| --Actual | 12.5 | 13.2 | 11.6 | (0.9) | 10.4 | 10.1 | 9.9 | (0.5) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 12.9 | 12.7 | 12.3 | (0.6) | 11.1 | 10.5 | 10.6 | (0.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 60.3 | 60.7 | 60.3 | 0.0 | 62.2 | 61.8 | 61.7 | (0.5) |

NOTE: For regional unemployment rates, see page 5.
Participation rate is the labour force as a % of the population 15 years and over.
Non-civilian and inmate population are not included in labour force data.
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## ONTARIO

| | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 5,916.6 | 6,037.3 | 6,021.1 | 104.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 5,415.6 | 5,607.5 | 5,593.2 | 177.6 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 501.0 | 429.7 | 427.9 | (73.1) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 8.5 | 7.3 | 7.1 | (1.4) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 8.5 | 7.1 | 7.1 | (1.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.9 | 66.3 | 66.1 | 0.2 |

## MANITOBA

| | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 576.5 | 573.4 | 572.2 | (4.3) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 537.4 | 543.1 | 539.7 | 2.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 39.1 | 30.3 | 32.5 | (6.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 6.2 | 5.3 | 5.2 | (1.0) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.8 | 5.3 | 5.7 | (1.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.9 | 66.5 | 66.3 | (0.6) |

## SASKATCHEWAN

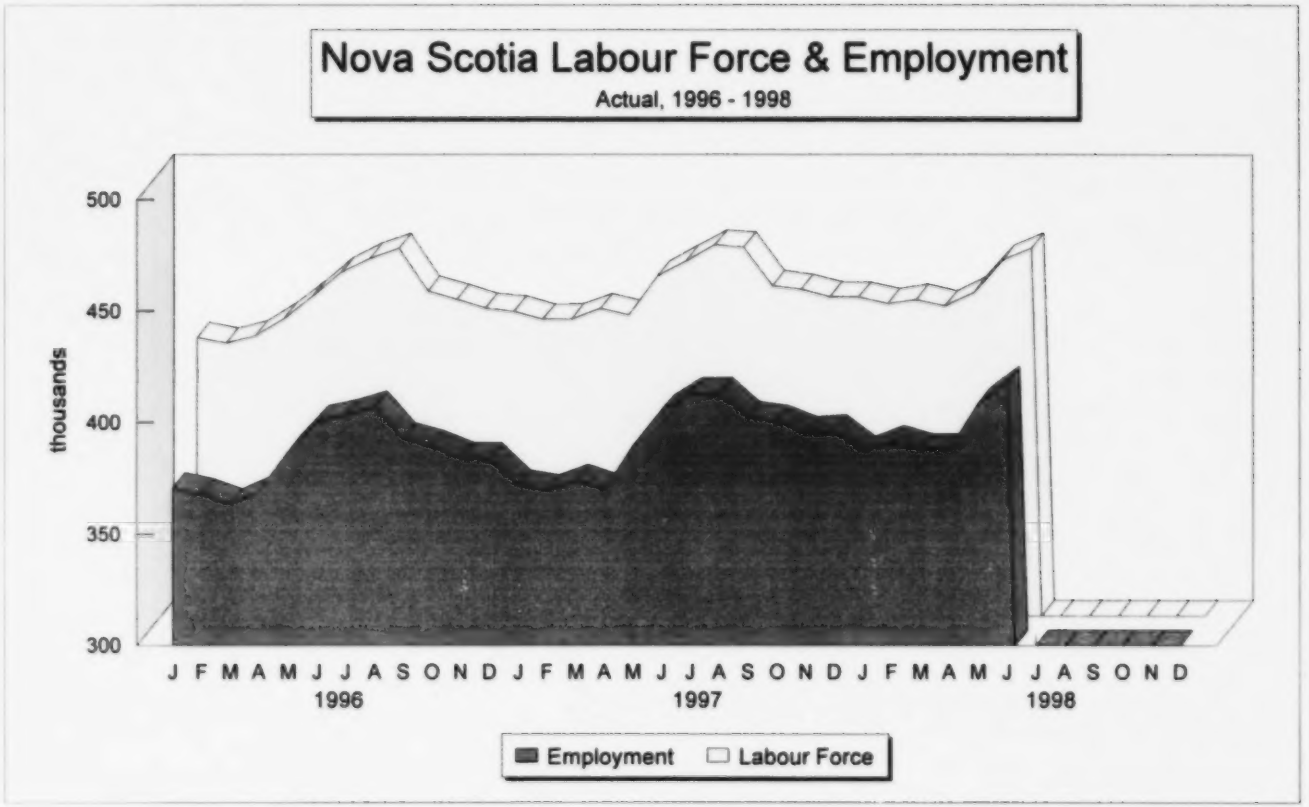
| | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 505.7 | 503.7 | 505.0 | (0.7) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 475.4 | 476.6 | 474.7 | (0.7) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 30.2 | 27.1 | 30.3 | 0.1 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 0.3 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.0 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 0.0 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.5 | 66.0 | 66.2 | (0.3) |

## ALBERTA

| | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 1,537.8 | 1,603.0 | 1,594.3 | 56.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,450.5 | 1,511.9 | 1,506.7 | 56.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 87.3 | 91.0 | 87.6 | 0.3 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 5.3 | 5.9 | 5.1 | (0.2) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.5 | (0.2) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 71.3 | 72.4 | 71.7 | 0.4 |

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

| | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 2,002.5 | 2,047.7 | 2,041.4 | 38.9 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,830.4 | 1,849.8 | 1,849.2 | 18.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 172.1 | 197.9 | 192.2 | 20.1 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 8.1 | 9.6 | 8.9 | 0.8 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 8.6 | 9.7 | 9.4 | 0.8 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.6 | 65.1 | 64.8 | 0.2 |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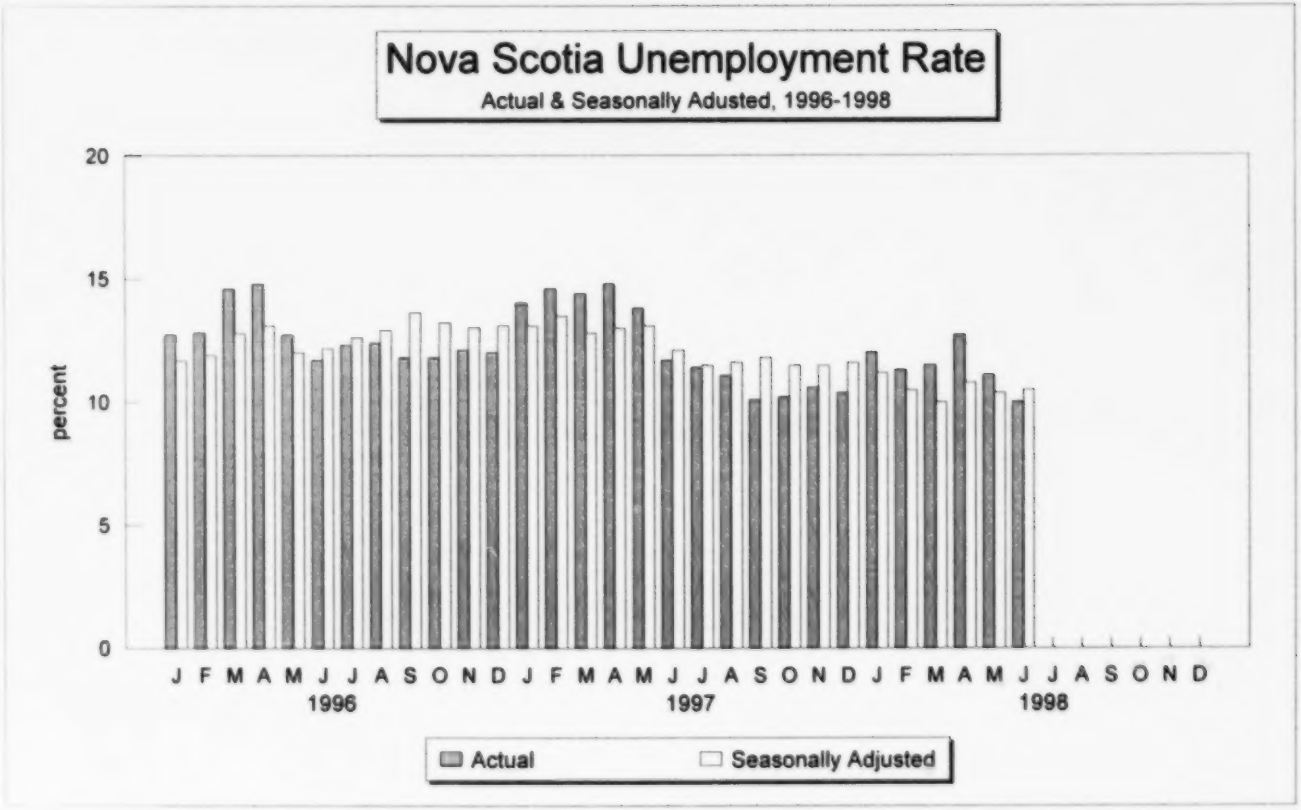
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## HALIFAX METRO

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 186.9 | 189.0 | 189.8 | 2.9 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 169.3 | 174.6 | 175.3 | 6.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 17.6 | 14.5 | 14.5 | (3.1) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.4 | 7.7 | 7.6 | (1.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 68.4 | 68.3 | 68.6 | 0.2 |

## NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

| | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 448.5 | 447.5 | 456.2 | 7.7 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 388.4 | 394.9 | 405.0 | 16.6 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 60.1 | 52.6 | 51.2 | (8.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 13.4 | 11.8 | 11.2 | (2.2) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 60.5 | 60.0 | 61.2 | 0.7 |

## NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

### CAPE BRETON

| | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 66.7 | 65.9 | 68.1 | 1.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 51.6 | 53.8 | 55.7 | 4.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 15.2 | 12.0 | 12.3 | (2.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 22.8 | 18.2 | 18.1 | (4.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 52.9 | 52.3 | 54.0 | 1.1 |

### NORTH SHORE

| | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 73.8 | 76.9 | 78.4 | 4.6 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 63.9 | 67.3 | 69.2 | 5.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 9.8 | 9.6 | 9.2 | (0.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 13.3 | 12.5 | 11.7 | (1.6) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 56.0 | 58.1 | 59.2 | 3.2 |

### ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

| | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 57.5 | 55.0 | 56.0 | (1.5) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 49.9 | 48.4 | 50.1 | 0.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 7.6 | 6.6 | 5.9 | (1.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 13.2 | 12.0 | 10.5 | (2.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.1 | 56.0 | 56.9 | (2.2) |

### SOUTHERN

| | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 59.1 | 56.6 | 58.9 | (0.2) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 51.1 | 48.6 | 51.4 | 0.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 8.0 | 8.0 | 7.5 | (0.5) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 13.5 | 14.1 | 12.7 | (0.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 56.9 | 54.4 | 56.6 | (0.3) |

### HALIFAX

| | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 191.4 | 193.1 | 194.7 | 3.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 171.8 | 176.7 | 178.4 | 6.6 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 19.6 | 16.4 | 16.3 | (3.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 10.2 | 8.5 | 8.4 | (1.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.9 | 67.7 | 68.3 | 0.4 |

**NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR ('000)**

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | 1997 | | 1998 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | MAY | JUN | MAY | JUN |
| Total Employment | 388.6 | 388.8 | 406.3 | 405.6 |
| Total Goods Producing Sectors | 89.6 | 91.3 | 98.1 | 97.5 |
| Agriculture | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.1 | 8.7 |
| Other Primary | 14.4 | 14.8 | 19.1 | 18.6 |
| Utilities | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| Manufacturing | 43.6 | 44.1 | 44.7 | 45.2 |
| Construction | 21.1 | 22.0 | 23.6 | 22.4 |
| Total Service Producing Sectors | 298.9 | 297.4 | 308.2 | 308.1 |
| Transportation, Storage & Communication | 23.5 | 23.2 | 27.5 | 26.0 |
| Trade | 73.6 | 73.0 | 77.4 | 76.6 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 18.7 | 18.3 | 19.8 | 20.4 |
| Community, Business & Personal Services | 151.2 | 151.1 | 156.0 | 156.8 |
| Public Administration | 32.0 | 31.8 | 27.4 | 28.2 |

## EMPLOYMENT - ACTUAL - 000's

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-Time | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 14,349.3 | 14,386.5 | 14,639.3 | 290.0 | 11,833.2 | 11,729.1 | 12,063.9 | 230.7 | 2,516.1 | 2,657.4 | 2,575.4 | 59.3 |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 199.4 | 194.8 | 212.6 | 13.2 | 168.7 | 159.4 | 178.6 | 9.9 | 30.7 | 35.3 | 34.0 | 3.3 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 66.5 | 64.9 | 68.4 | 1.9 | 57.1 | 53.8 | 57.6 | 0.5 | 9.5 | 11.1 | 10.8 | 1.3 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 405.4 | 408.5 | 418.2 | 12.8 | 329.4 | 331.9 | 343.9 | 14.5 | 76.0 | 76.6 | 74.2 | (1.8) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 341.3 | 327.3 | 343.9 | 2.6 | 289.9 | 272.6 | 290.5 | 0.6 | 51.4 | 54.7 | 53.4 | 2.0 |
| QUEBEC | 3,403.7 | 3,336.0 | 3,415.6 | 11.9 | 2,873.4 | 2,760.1 | 2,868.4 | (5.0) | 530.4 | 575.9 | 547.2 | 16.8 |
| ONTARIO | 5,530.6 | 5,631.9 | 5,706.6 | 178.0 | 4,543.0 | 4,612.9 | 4,700.0 | 157.0 | 987.6 | 1,019.0 | 1,008.5 | 20.9 |
| MANITOBA | 550.7 | 546.8 | 551.4 | 0.7 | 450.1 | 444.8 | 450.9 | 0.8 | 100.6 | 102.0 | 100.5 | (0.1) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 491.8 | 485.4 | 489.1 | (2.7) | 396.2 | 393.3 | 403.4 | 7.2 | 95.6 | 92.1 | 85.7 | (9.9) |
| ALBERTA | 1,484.5 | 1,525.6 | 1,538.9 | 54.4 | 1,217.5 | 1,243.5 | 1,260.3 | 42.8 | 267.0 | 282.1 | 278.6 | 11.6 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 1,875.4 | 1,865.5 | 1,892.7 | 17.3 | 1,508.0 | 1,456.9 | 1,510.3 | 2.3 | 367.3 | 408.6 | 382.4 | 15.1 |

## 15-24 AGE GROUP - ACTUAL

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 | JUN 1997 | MAY 1998 | JUN 1998 | CHANGE JUN '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 2,704.5 | 2,537.3 | 2,697.9 | (6.6) | 2,230.9 | 2,116.2 | 2,263.9 | 33.0 | 17.5 | 16.6 | 16.1 | (1.4) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 41.8 | 37.2 | 44.1 | 2.3 | 28.5 | 24.0 | 30.6 | 2.1 | 31.8 | 35.5 | 30.8 | (1.0) |
| *PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND* | *15.1* | *13.5* | *15.0* | *(0.1)* | *12.8* | *11.7* | *13.2* | *0.4* | 15.9 | 12.6 | 12.0 | (3.9) |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 82.2 | 78.2 | 83.2 | 1.0 | 64.8 | 61.3 | 70.1 | 5.3 | 21.2 | 21.6 | 15.7 | (5.5) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 78.2 | 66.3 | 74.4 | (3.8) | 59.2 | 52.4 | 59.5 | 0.3 | 24.3 | 21.0 | 20.0 | (4.3) |
| QUEBEC | 635.5 | 562.4 | 634.5 | (1.0) | 498.9 | 463.5 | 515.6 | 16.7 | 21.5 | 17.6 | 18.7 | (2.8) |
| ONTARIO | 1,026.3 | 959.1 | 1,006.8 | (19.5) | 842.1 | 795.6 | 845.9 | 3.8 | 17.9 | 17.0 | 16.0 | (1.9) |
| MANITOBA | 110.7 | 102.5 | 106.6 | (4.1) | 96.8 | 91.4 | 95.9 | (0.9) | 12.6 | 10.8 | 10.0 | (2.6) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 101.2 | 93.0 | 97.3 | (3.9) | 93.4 | 82.2 | 87.1 | (6.3) | 7.7 | 11.6 | 10.5 | 2.8 |
| ALBERTA | 286.4 | 302.2 | 308.4 | 22.0 | 255.3 | 268.6 | 280.5 | 25.2 | 10.9 | 11.1 | 9.0 | (1.9) |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 327.0 | 323.1 | 327.7 | 0.7 | 278.9 | 265.5 | 265.5 | (13.4) | 14.7 | 17.8 | 19.0 | 4.3 |

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# EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

## JULY 1998

# EMPLOYMENT SITUATION - JULY 1998

## CANADA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 15,350.9 | 15,544.8 | 15,580.0 | 229.1 | 15,849.7 | 15,919.4 | 16,084.2 | 234.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 13,969.7 | 14,243.0 | 14,269.6 | 299.9 | 14,418.5 | 14,639.3 | 14,725.0 | 306.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 1,381.1 | 1,301.9 | 1,310.5 | (70.6) | 1,431.2 | 1,280.1 | 1,359.2 | (72.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.0 | 8.4 | 8.4 | (0.6) | 9.0 | 8.0 | 8.5 | (0.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.8 | 64.8 | 64.9 | 0.1 | 66.9 | 66.4 | 67.0 | 0.1 |

## NOVA SCOTIA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 443.2 | 450.3 | 448.7 | 5.5 | 466.0 | 464.5 | 470.5 | 4.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 392.2 | 403.2 | 401.3 | 9.1 | 412.8 | 418.2 | 421.3 | 8.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 51.0 | 47.1 | 47.5 | (3.5) | 53.2 | 46.4 | 49.2 | (4.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 11.5 | 10.5 | 10.6 | (0.9) | 11.4 | 10.0 | 10.5 | (0.9) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.7 | 60.4 | 60.1 | 0.4 | 62.8 | 62.3 | 63.1 | 0.3 |

Seasonally Adjusted

## NEWFOUNDLAND

| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 233.5 | 242.6 | 239.3 | 5.8 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 189.2 | 202.4 | 197.4 | 8.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 44.4 | 40.3 | 41.9 | (2.5) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 18.4 | 17.4 | 17.4 | (1.0) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 19.0 | 16.6 | 17.5 | (1.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 51.9 | 54.4 | 53.8 | 1.9 |

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 71.7 | 71.5 | 71.2 | (0.5) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 61.3 | 62.1 | 62.4 | 1.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 10.3 | 9.4 | 8.8 | (1.5) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 12.3 | 9.2 | 10.1 | (2.2) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 14.4 | 13.1 | 12.4 | (2.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.8 | 66.8 | 66.5 | 0.3 |

## NEW BRUNSWICK

| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 362.4 | 364.9 | 358.7 | (3.7) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 317.9 | 320.1 | 318.4 | 0.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 44.5 | 44.8 | 40.3 | (4.2) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 11.4 | 11.6 | 10.1 | (1.3) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 12.3 | 12.3 | 11.2 | (1.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 60.1 | 60.3 | 59.2 | (0.9) |

## QUEBEC

| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 3,670.6 | 3,681.5 | 3,716.3 | 45.7 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 3,259.2 | 3,291.7 | 3,310.3 | 51.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 411.4 | 389.8 | 406.1 | (5.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 10.5 | 9.9 | 10.4 | (0.1) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 11.2 | 10.6 | 10.9 | (0.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 61.9 | 61.7 | 62.3 | 0.4 |

NOTE: For regional unemployment rates, see page 5.
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## ONTARIO

| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 5,913.0 | 6,021.1 | 6,022.0 | 109.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 5,427.9 | 5,593.2 | 5,590.0 | 162.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 485.1 | 427.9 | 432.0 | (53.1) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| –Actual | 8.7 | 7.1 | 7.8 | (1.1) |
| –Seasonally Adjusted | 8.2 | 7.1 | 7.2 | (1.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.8 | 66.1 | 66.0 | 0.2 |

## MANITOBA

| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 571.7 | 572.2 | 577.7 | 6.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 533.4 | 539.7 | 547.1 | 13.7 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 38.3 | 32.5 | 30.7 | (7.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| –Actual | 6.5 | 5.2 | 5.3 | (1.2) |
| –Seasonally Adjusted | 6.7 | 5.7 | 5.3 | (1.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.3 | 66.3 | 67.0 | 0.7 |

## SASKATCHEWAN

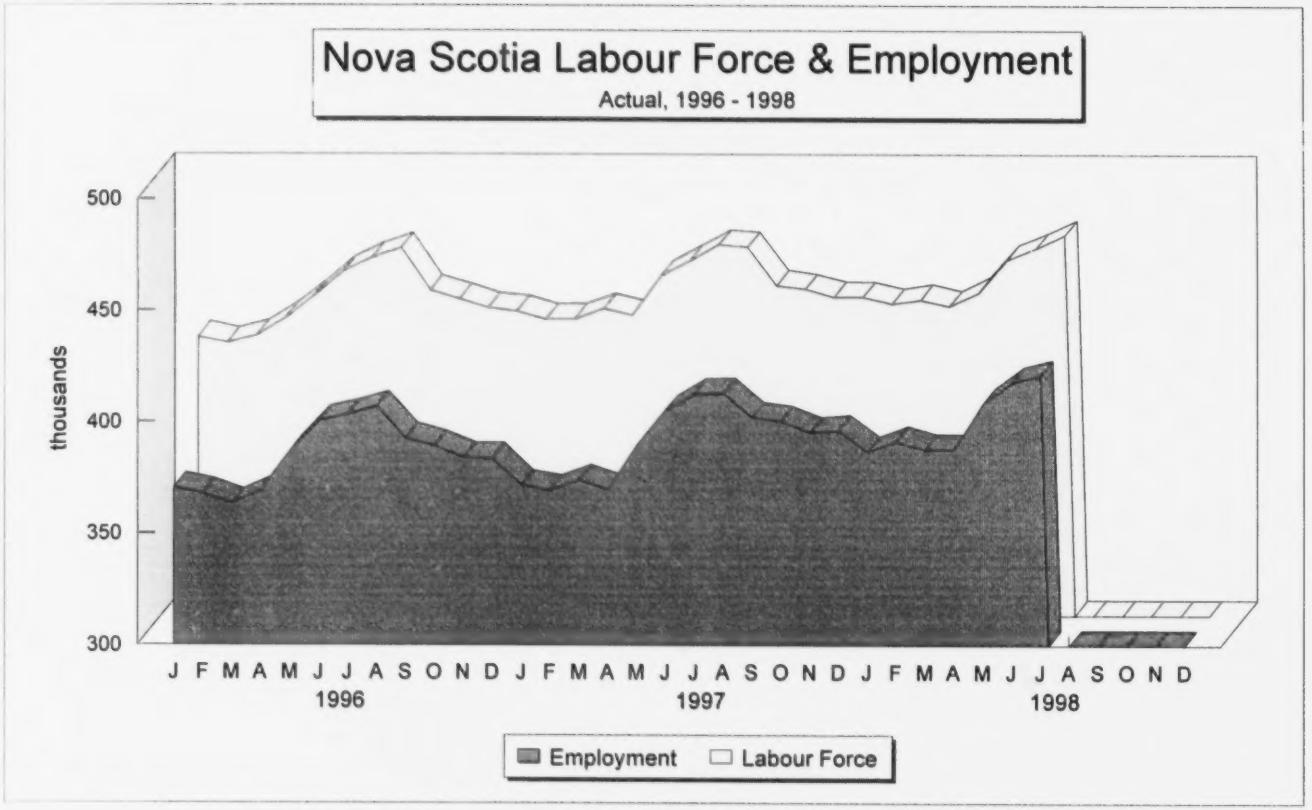
| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 506.3 | 505.0 | 506.6 | 0.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 476.8 | 474.7 | 476.0 | (0.8) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 29.4 | 30.3 | 30.5 | 1.1 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| –Actual | 6.1 | 5.5 | 6.4 | 0.3 |
| –Seasonally Adjusted | 5.8 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 0.2 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.6 | 66.2 | 66.4 | (0.2) |

## ALBERTA

| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 1,550.1 | 1,504.3 | 1,509.6 | 49.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,459.8 | 1,506.7 | 1,513.2 | 53.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 90.3 | 87.6 | 86.3 | (4.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| –Actual | 6.5 | 5.1 | 6.0 | (0.5) |
| –Seasonally Adjusted | 5.8 | 5.5 | 5.4 | (0.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 71.7 | 71.7 | 71.8 | 0.1 |

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 2,028.4 | 2,041.4 | 2,040.0 | 11.6 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,852.0 | 1,849.2 | 1,853.5 | 1.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 176.4 | 192.2 | 186.5 | 10.1 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| –Actual | 8.6 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 0.3 |
| –Seasonally Adjusted | 8.7 | 9.4 | 9.1 | 0.4 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.4 | 64.8 | 64.7 | (0.7) |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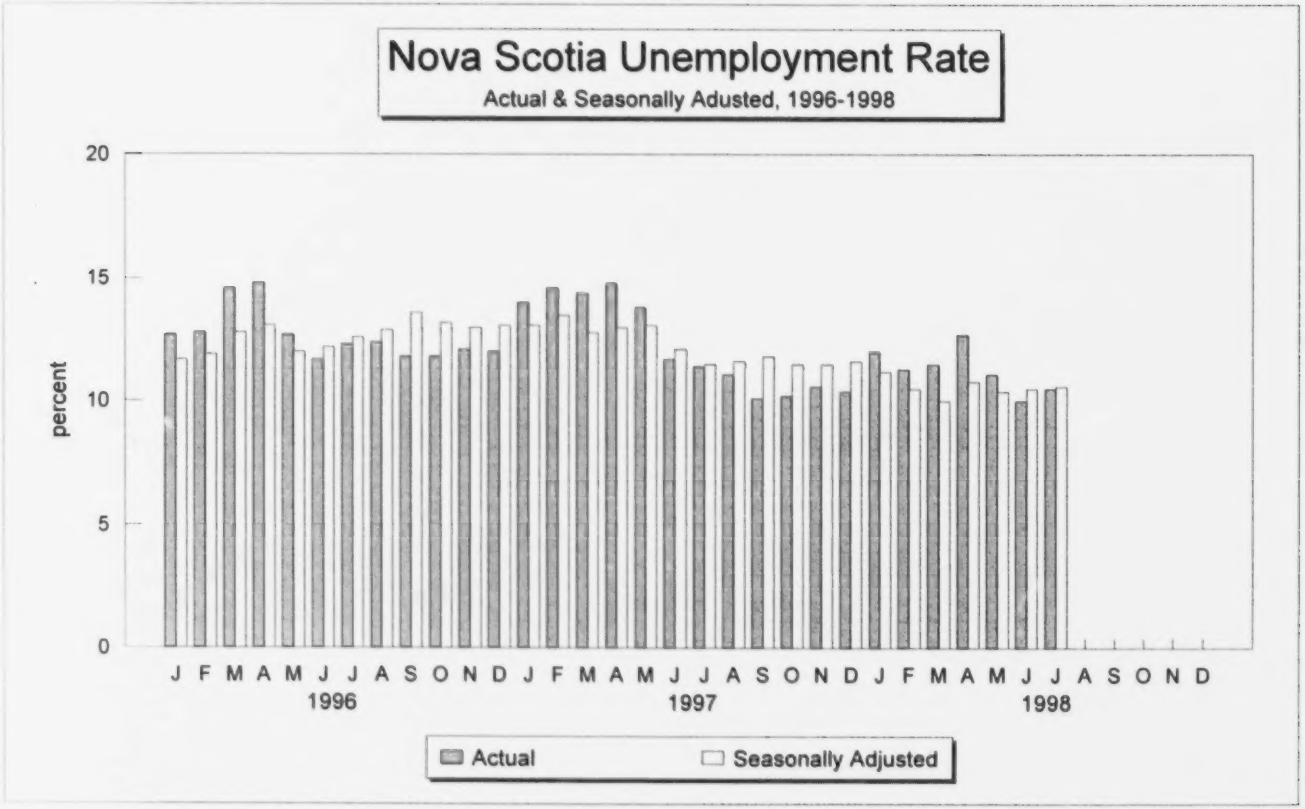
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## HALIFAX METRO

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 186.8 | 189.8 | 189.1 | 2.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 169.4 | 175.3 | 175.6 | 6.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 17.3 | 14.5 | 13.4 | (3.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.3 | 7.6 | 7.1 | (2.2) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 68.4 | 68.6 | 68.3 | (0.1) |

## NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 459.0 | 456.2 | 464.8 | 5.8 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 402.6 | 405.0 | 416.0 | 13.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 56.4 | 51.2 | 48.8 | (7.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.3 | 11.2 | 10.5 | (1.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 61.9 | 61.2 | 62.3 | 0.4 |

## NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

### CAPE BRETON

| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 68.4 | 68.1 | 69.6 | 1.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 55.3 | 55.7 | 57.9 | 2.6 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 13.1 | 12.3 | 11.7 | (1.4) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 19.2 | 18.1 | 16.8 | (2.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 54.2 | 54.0 | 55.3 | 1.1 |

### NORTH SHORE

| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 76.9 | 78.4 | 80.1 | 3.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 67.4 | 69.2 | 71.3 | 3.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 9.5 | 9.2 | 8.8 | (0.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.4 | 11.7 | 11.0 | (1.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 58.3 | 59.2 | 60.5 | 2.2 |

### ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 59.1 | 56.0 | 57.7 | (1.4) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 52.1 | 50.1 | 51.8 | (0.3) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 7.0 | 5.9 | 5.9 | (1.1) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 11.8 | 10.5 | 10.2 | (1.6) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 60.7 | 56.9 | 58.6 | (2.1) |

### SOUTHERN

| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 60.8 | 58.9 | 60.9 | 0.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 53.4 | 51.4 | 53.9 | 0.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.0 | (0.4) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.2 | 12.7 | 11.5 | (0.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 58.5 | 56.6 | 58.6 | 0.1 |

### HALIFAX

| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 193.9 | 194.7 | 196.5 | 2.6 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 174.5 | 178.4 | 181.1 | 6.6 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 19.5 | 16.3 | 15.4 | (4.1) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 10.1 | 8.4 | 7.8 | (2.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 68.7 | 68.3 | 68.9 | 0.2 |

**NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR ('000)**

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | 1997 | | 1998 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JUN | JUL | JUN | JUL |
| Total Employment | 388.8 | 390.7 | 405.6 | 404.0 |
| Total Goods Producing Sectors | 91.3 | 92.3 | 97.5 | 96.5 |
| Agriculture | 8.5 | 8.4 | 8.7 | 8.8 |
| Other Primary | 14.8 | 15.1 | 18.6 | 17.9 |
| Utilities | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| Manufacturing | 44.1 | 44.1 | 45.2 | 46.2 |
| Construction | 22.0 | 22.5 | 22.4 | 21.0 |
| Total Service Producing Sectors | 297.4 | 298.3 | 308.1 | 307.5 |
| Transportation, Storage & Communication | 23.2 | 23.6 | 26.0 | 24.8 |
| Trade | 73.0 | 71.7 | 76.6 | 76.1 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 18.3 | 18.2 | 20.4 | 20.6 |
| Community, Business & Personal Services | 151.1 | 152.3 | 156.8 | 157.3 |
| Public Administration | 31.8 | 32.5 | 28.2 | 28.7 |

## EMPLOYMENT - ACTUAL - 000's

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-Time | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 14,418.5 | 14,639.3 | 14,725.0 | 306.5 | 12,003.0 | 12,063.9 | 12,297.0 | 294.0 | 2,415.4 | 2,575.4 | 2,428.0 | 12.6 |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 212.2 | 212.6 | 219.8 | 7.6 | 183.0 | 178.6 | 192.0 | 9.0 | 29.1 | 34.0 | 27.8 | (1.3) |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 67.1 | 68.4 | 68.3 | 1.2 | 59.3 | 57.6 | 59.6 | 0.3 | 7.8 | 10.8 | 8.8 | 1.0 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 412.8 | 418.2 | 421.3 | 8.5 | 342.0 | 343.9 | 352.2 | 10.2 | 70.7 | 74.2 | 69.1 | (1.6) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 343.6 | 343.9 | 344.6 | 1.0 | 295.5 | 290.5 | 297.0 | 1.5 | 48.1 | 53.4 | 47.6 | (0.5) |
| QUEBEC | 3,392.5 | 3,415.6 | 3,442.8 | 50.3 | 2,890.0 | 2,868.4 | 2,937.4 | 47.4 | 502.4 | 547.2 | 505.4 | 3.0 |
| ONTARIO | 5,555.9 | 5,708.6 | 5,724.7 | 168.8 | 4,578.3 | 4,700.0 | 4,770.6 | 192.3 | 977.6 | 1,008.5 | 954.1 | (23.5) |
| MANITOBA | 545.4 | 551.4 | 559.9 | 14.5 | 451.3 | 450.9 | 469.8 | 18.5 | 94.1 | 100.5 | 90.1 | (4.0) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 493.8 | 489.1 | 491.8 | (2.0) | 406.0 | 403.4 | 409.7 | 3.7 | 87.8 | 85.7 | 82.2 | (5.6) |
| ALBERTA | 1,489.4 | 1,538.9 | 1,545.0 | 55.6 | 1,252.9 | 1,260.3 | 1,288.6 | 35.7 | 236.5 | 278.6 | 256.4 | 19.9 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 1,906.0 | 1,892.7 | 1,906.8 | 0.8 | 1,544.6 | 1,510.3 | 1,520.3 | (24.3) | 361.4 | 382.4 | 386.4 | 25.0 |

## 15-24 AGE GROUP - ACTUAL

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 | JUL 1997 | JUN 1998 | JUL 1998 | CHANGE JUL '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 2,909.1 | 2,697.9 | 2,935.9 | 26.8 | 2,410.8 | 2,263.9 | 2,471.9 | 61.1 | 17.1 | 16.1 | 15.8 | (1.3) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 51.3 | 44.1 | 53.8 | 2.5 | 38.1 | 30.6 | 39.3 | 1.2 | 25.7 | 30.8 | 27.0 | 1.3 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 17.1 | 15.0 | 16.9 | (0.2) | 14.7 | 13.2 | 14.5 | (0.2) | 14.0 | 12.0 | 13.6 | (0.4) |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 95.4 | 83.2 | 93.8 | (1.6) | 77.0 | 70.1 | 77.0 | 0.0 | 19.3 | 15.7 | 17.9 | (1.4) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 78.5 | 74.4 | 77.3 | (1.2) | 63.8 | 59.5 | 65.1 | 1.3 | 18.7 | 20.0 | 15.7 | (3.0) |
| QUEBEC | 665.8 | 634.5 | 689.7 | 23.9 | 538.7 | 515.6 | 562.2 | 23.5 | 19.1 | 18.7 | 18.5 | (0.6) |
| ONTARIO | 1,101.6 | 1,006.8 | 1,095.8 | (5.8) | 899.6 | 845.9 | 928.7 | 29.1 | 18.3 | 16.0 | 15.2 | (3.1) |
| MANITOBA | 117.0 | 106.6 | 117.0 | 0.0 | 102.7 | 95.9 | 106.0 | 3.3 | 12.2 | 10.0 | 9.4 | (2.8) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 111.2 | 97.3 | 105.4 | (5.8) | 100.0 | 87.1 | 92.7 | (7.3) | 10.1 | 10.5 | 12.1 | 2.0 |
| ALBERTA | 312.5 | 308.4 | 330.7 | 18.2 | 270.2 | 280.5 | 294.4 | 24.2 | 13.5 | 9.0 | 11.0 | (2.5) |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 358.8 | 327.7 | 355.5 | (3.3) | 306.2 | 265.5 | 291.9 | (14.3) | 14.7 | 19.0 | 17.9 | 3.2 |

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# EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

## AUGUST 1998

# EMPLOYMENT SITUATION - AUGUST 1998

## CANADA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 15,410.1 | 15,580.0 | 15,605.0 | 194.9 | 15,852.4 | 16,084.2 | 16,064.6 | 212.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 14,023.3 | 14,269.6 | 14,306.4 | 283.1 | 14,458.2 | 14,725.0 | 14,766.3 | 308.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 1,386.8 | 1,310.5 | 1,298.7 | (88.1) | 1,394.2 | 1,359.2 | 1,298.3 | (95.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.0 | 8.4 | 8.3 | (0.7) | 8.8 | 8.5 | 8.1 | (0.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.0 | 64.9 | 64.9 | (0.1) | 66.8 | 67.0 | 66.9 | 0.1 |

## NOVA SCOTIA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 443.9 | 448.7 | 449.9 | 6.0 | 465.0 | 470.5 | 471.0 | 6.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 392.4 | 401.3 | 402.1 | 9.7 | 413.2 | 421.3 | 423.1 | 9.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 51.5 | 47.5 | 47.8 | (3.7) | 51.8 | 49.2 | 48.0 | (3.8) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 11.6 | 10.6 | 10.6 | (1.0) | 11.1 | 10.5 | 10.2 | (0.9) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.8 | 60.1 | 60.3 | 0.5 | 62.6 | 63.1 | 63.1 | 0.5 |

Seasonally Adjusted

## NEWFOUNDLAND

| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 236.9 | 239.3 | 234.8 | (2.1) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 193.7 | 197.4 | 190.4 | (3.3) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 43.2 | 41.9 | 44.4 | 1.2 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 17.2 | 17.4 | 18.1 | 0.9 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 18.2 | 17.5 | 18.9 | 0.7 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 52.7 | 53.8 | 52.8 | 0.1 |

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 71.0 | 71.2 | 70.2 | (0.8) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 61.1 | 62.4 | 60.7 | (0.4) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 10.0 | 8.8 | 9.4 | (0.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 10.5 | 10.1 | 9.9 | (0.6) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 14.1 | 12.4 | 13.4 | (0.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.1 | 66.5 | 65.5 | 0.6 |

## NEW BRUNSWICK

| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 360.6 | 358.7 | 364.7 | 4.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 316.0 | 318.4 | 321.2 | 5.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 44.5 | 40.3 | 43.5 | (1.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 11.0 | 10.1 | 10.4 | (0.6) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 12.3 | 11.2 | 11.9 | (0.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.8 | 59.2 | 60.2 | 0.4 |

## QUEBEC

| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 3,680.3 | 3,716.3 | 3,732.1 | 51.8 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 3,257.5 | 3,310.3 | 3,340.8 | 83.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 422.8 | 406.1 | 391.4 | (31.4) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 10.9 | 10.4 | 10.0 | (0.9) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 11.5 | 10.9 | 10.5 | (1.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 62.2 | 62.3 | 62.5 | 0.3 |

NOTE: For regional unemployment rates, see page 5.
Participation rate is the labour force as a % of the population 15 years and over.
Non-civilian and inmate population are not included in labour force data.
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## ONTARIO

| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 5,947.9 | 6,022.0 | 6,003.5 | 55.6 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 5,462.4 | 5,590.0 | 5,572.5 | 110.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 485.5 | 432.0 | 431.0 | (54.5) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 8.2 | 7.6 | 7.1 | (1.1) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 8.2 | 7.2 | 7.2 | (1.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.1 | 66.0 | 65.7 | (0.4) |

## MANITOBA

| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 573.9 | 577.7 | 582.3 | 8.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 533.4 | 547.1 | 549.6 | 16.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 35.5 | 30.7 | 32.8 | (2.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 6.3 | 5.3 | 5.8 | (0.5) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.2 | 5.3 | 5.6 | (0.6) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.6 | 67.0 | 67.5 | 0.9 |

## SASKATCHEWAN

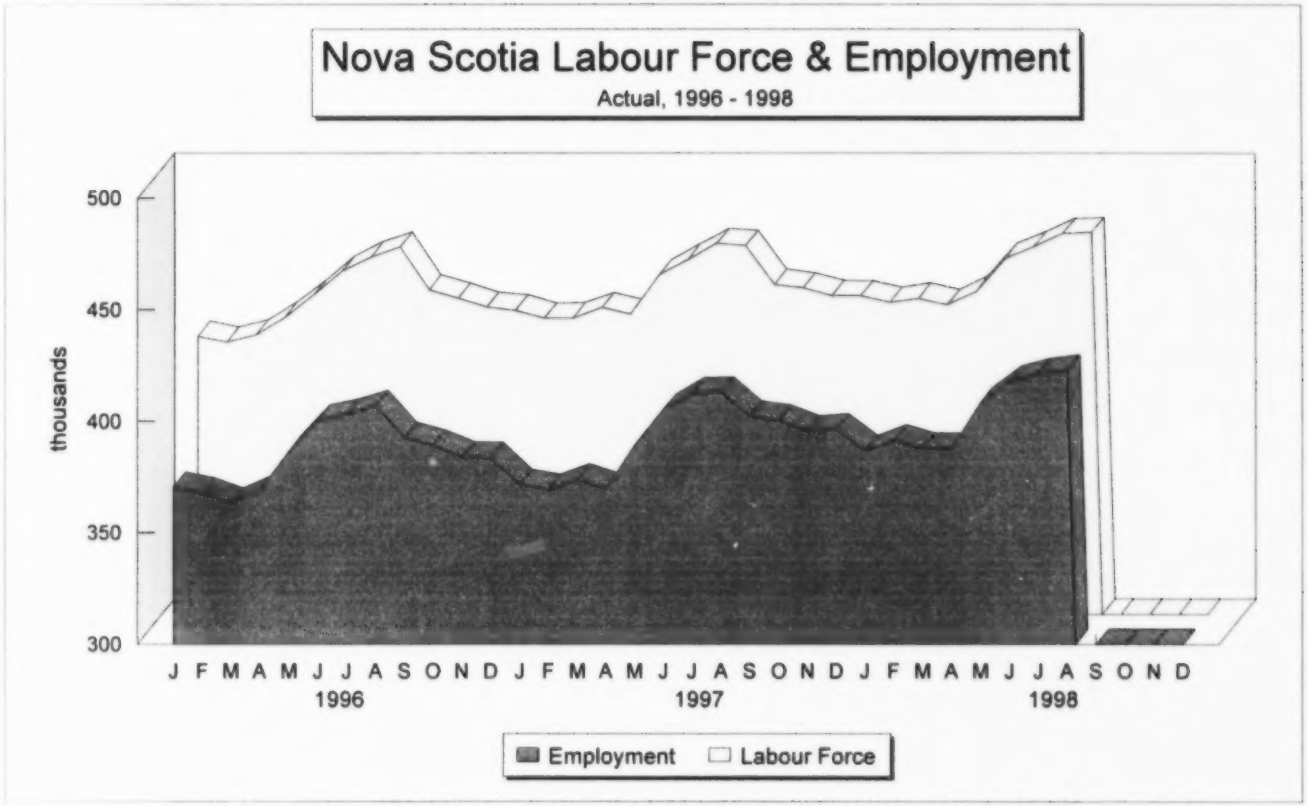
| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 506.1 | 506.6 | 511.3 | 5.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 477.5 | 476.0 | 478.0 | 0.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 28.6 | 30.5 | 33.3 | 4.7 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 5.5 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 0.9 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 5.7 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 0.8 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.5 | 66.4 | 66.9 | 0.4 |

## ALBERTA

| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 1,560.0 | 1,599.6 | 1,616.1 | 56.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,470.2 | 1,513.2 | 1,527.3 | 57.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 89.8 | 86.3 | 88.8 | (1.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.8 | (0.2) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 5.8 | 5.4 | 5.5 | (0.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 72.1 | 71.8 | 72.3 | 0.2 |

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 2,029.4 | 2,040.0 | 2,040.1 | 10.7 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,853.9 | 1,853.5 | 1,863.8 | 9.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 175.5 | 186.5 | 176.4 | 0.9 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 8.3 | 8.9 | 8.2 | (0.1) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 8.6 | 9.1 | 8.6 | 0.0 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.3 | 64.7 | 64.7 | (0.6) |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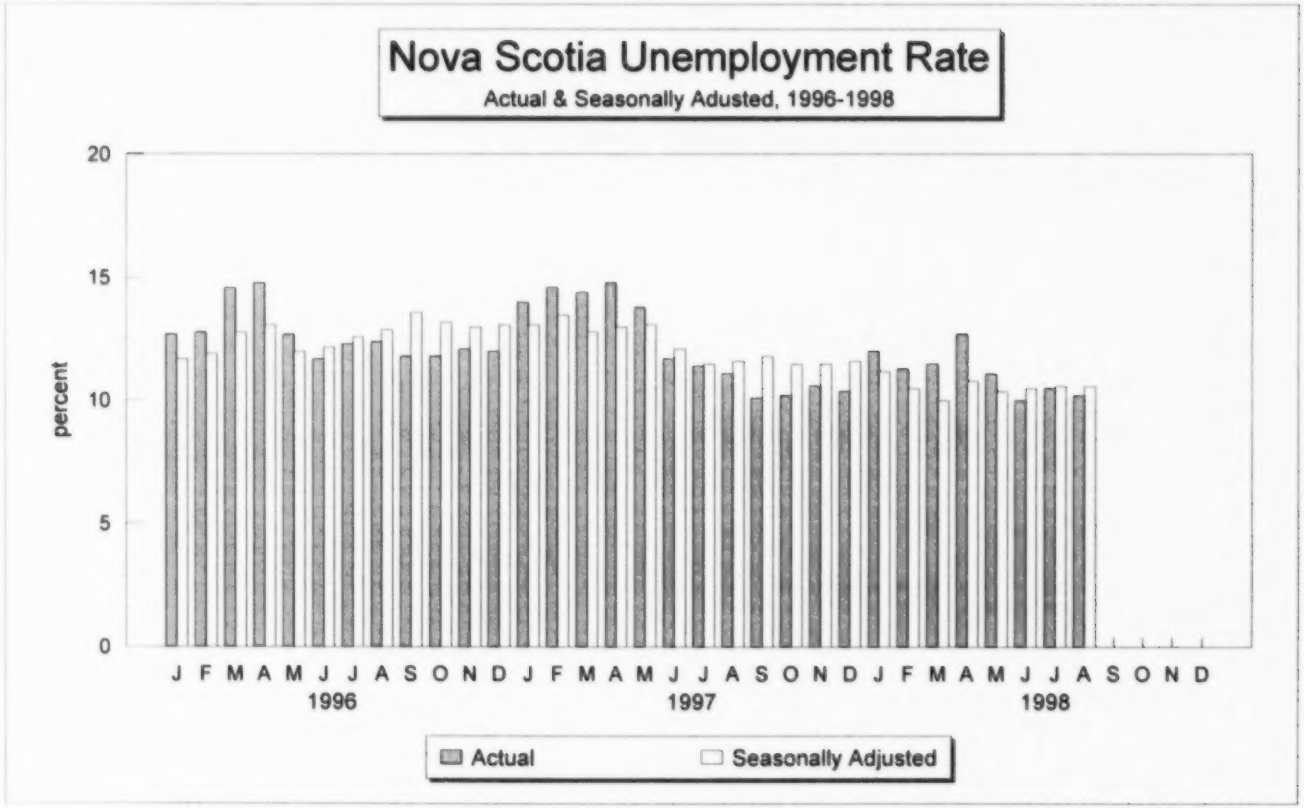
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## HALIFAX METRO

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 185.2 | 189.1 | 188.5 | 3.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 168.8 | 175.6 | 175.3 | 6.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 16.4 | 13.4 | 13.2 | (3.2) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 8.9 | 7.1 | 7.0 | (1.9) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.7 | 68.3 | 68.0 | 0.3 |

## NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 463.3 | 464.8 | 468.7 | 5.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 410.5 | 416.0 | 420.8 | 10.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 52.8 | 48.8 | 47.9 | (4.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 11.4 | 10.5 | 10.2 | (1.2) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 62.4 | 62.3 | 62.8 | 0.4 |

## NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

### CAPE BRETON

| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 69.3 | 69.6 | 69.9 | 0.6 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 57.6 | 57.9 | 58.1 | 0.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 11.6 | 11.7 | 11.8 | 0.2 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 16.7 | 16.8 | 16.9 | 0.2 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 55.0 | 55.3 | 55.5 | 0.5 |

### NORTH SHORE

| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 79.1 | 80.1 | 81.2 | 2.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 69.4 | 71.3 | 72.3 | 2.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 9.7 | 8.8 | 8.9 | (0.8) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.3 | 11.0 | 11.0 | (1.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.9 | 60.5 | 61.3 | 1.4 |

### ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 59.7 | 57.7 | 58.8 | (0.9) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 52.9 | 51.8 | 52.9 | 0.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 6.9 | 5.9 | 5.8 | (1.1) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 11.6 | 10.2 | 9.9 | (1.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 61.2 | 58.6 | 59.8 | (1.4) |

### SOUTHERN

| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 61.4 | 60.9 | 62.0 | 0.6 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 54.8 | 53.9 | 55.2 | 0.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 6.7 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 0.2 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 10.9 | 11.5 | 11.1 | 0.2 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.1 | 58.6 | 59.7 | 0.6 |

### HALIFAX

| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 193.7 | 196.5 | 196.8 | 3.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 175.8 | 181.1 | 182.4 | 6.6 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 17.9 | 15.4 | 14.4 | (3.5) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.2 | 7.8 | 7.3 | (1.9) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 68.6 | 68.9 | 68.9 | 0.3 |

**NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR ('000)**

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | 1997 | | 1998 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JUL | AUG | JUL | AUG |
| Total Employment | 390.7 | 391.9 | 404.0 | 402.2 |
| Total Goods Producing Sectors | 92.3 | 92.6 | 96.5 | 94.8 |
| Agriculture | 8.4 | 7.8 | 8.8 | 8.6 |
| Other Primary | 15.1 | 15.1 | 17.9 | 16.3 |
| Utilities | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 3.0 |
| Manufacturing | 44.1 | 44.6 | 46.2 | 47.0 |
| Construction | 22.5 | 22.6 | 21.0 | 19.9 |
| Total Service Producing Sectors | 298.3 | 299.3 | 307.5 | 307.4 |
| Transportation, Storage & Communication | 23.6 | 23.9 | 24.8 | 23.7 |
| Trade | 71.7 | 71.3 | 76.1 | 75.0 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 18.2 | 18.6 | 20.6 | 20.2 |
| Community, Business & Personal Services | 152.3 | 153.4 | 157.3 | 159.7 |
| Public Administration | 32.5 | 32.2 | 28.7 | 28.9 |

## EMPLOYMENT - ACTUAL - 000's

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-Time | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 14,456.2 | 14,725.0 | 14,766.3 | 308.1 | 12,068.9 | 12,297.0 | 12,387.9 | 319.0 | 2,389.3 | 2,428.0 | 2,378.4 | (10.9) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 213.7 | 219.8 | 208.8 | (4.9) | 186.5 | 192.0 | 183.2 | (3.3) | 27.1 | 27.8 | 25.5 | (1.6) |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 68.9 | 68.3 | 68.5 | (0.4) | 60.5 | 59.6 | 60.5 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 8.8 | 7.9 | (0.4) |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 413.2 | 421.3 | 423.1 | 9.9 | 341.5 | 352.2 | 356.0 | 14.5 | 71.7 | 69.1 | 67.0 | (4.7) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 342.8 | 344.6 | 349.0 | 6.2 | 297.4 | 297.0 | 302.5 | 5.1 | 45.4 | 47.6 | 46.5 | 1.1 |
| QUEBEC | 3,360.1 | 3,442.8 | 3,455.3 | 95.2 | 2,851.5 | 2,937.4 | 2,956.6 | 105.1 | 508.6 | 505.4 | 498.7 | (9.9) |
| ONTARIO | 5,608.1 | 5,724.7 | 5,727.6 | 119.5 | 4,645.7 | 4,770.6 | 4,785.1 | 139.4 | 962.5 | 954.1 | 942.5 | (20.0) |
| MANITOBA | 547.7 | 559.9 | 560.5 | 12.8 | 457.6 | 469.8 | 472.8 | 15.2 | 90.1 | 90.1 | 87.6 | (2.5) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 494.4 | 491.8 | 494.5 | 0.1 | 409.1 | 409.7 | 413.0 | 3.9 | 85.2 | 82.2 | 81.4 | (3.8) |
| ALBERTA | 1,501.6 | 1,545.0 | 1,562.3 | 60.7 | 1,268.8 | 1,288.6 | 1,315.5 | 46.7 | 232.8 | 256.4 | 246.8 | 14.0 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 1,907.8 | 1,906.8 | 1,916.9 | 9.1 | 1,550.2 | 1,520.3 | 1,542.4 | (7.8) | 357.6 | 386.4 | 374.4 | 16.8 |

## 15-24 AGE GROUP - ACTUAL

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 | AUG 1997 | JUL 1998 | AUG 1998 | CHANGE AUG '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 2,823.9 | 2,935.9 | 2,853.3 | 29.4 | 2,397.3 | 2,471.9 | 2,480.4 | 83.1 | 15.1 | 15.8 | 13.1 | (2.0) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 47.5 | 53.8 | 44.7 | (2.8) | 36.4 | 39.3 | 34.2 | (2.2) | 23.4 | 27.0 | 23.5 | 0.1 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 16.8 | 16.9 | 16.5 | (0.3) | 15.0 | 14.5 | 14.6 | (0.4) | 11.3 | 13.6 | 10.9 | (0.4) |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 92.5 | 93.8 | 90.4 | (2.1) | 75.2 | 77.0 | 76.3 | 1.1 | 18.7 | 17.9 | 15.6 | (3.1) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 73.3 | 77.3 | 77.9 | 4.6 | 61.3 | 65.1 | 67.1 | 5.8 | 16.4 | 15.7 | 13.7 | (2.7) |
| QUEBEC | 620.0 | 689.7 | 649.1 | 29.1 | 499.2 | 562.2 | 557.1 | 57.9 | 19.5 | 18.5 | 14.2 | (5.3) |
| ONTARIO | 1,093.8 | 1,095.8 | 1,085.4 | (8.4) | 927.5 | 928.7 | 944.6 | 17.1 | 15.2 | 15.2 | 13.0 | (2.2) |
| MANITOBA | 114.4 | 117.0 | 115.5 | 1.1 | 103.1 | 106.0 | 106.7 | 3.6 | 9.9 | 9.4 | 7.6 | (2.3) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 109.1 | 105.4 | 106.8 | (2.3) | 98.7 | 92.7 | 96.0 | (2.7) | 9.5 | 12.1 | 10.1 | 0.6 |
| ALBERTA | 306.5 | 330.7 | 324.6 | 18.1 | 279.8 | 294.4 | 293.6 | 13.8 | 8.7 | 11.0 | 9.6 | 0.9 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 350.3 | 355.5 | 342.4 | (7.9) | 301.2 | 291.9 | 290.1 | (11.1) | 14.0 | 17.9 | 15.3 | 1.3 |

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# EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

## SEPTEMBER 1998

# EMPLOYMENT SITUATION - SEPTEMBER 1998

## CANADA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 15,414.5 | 15,605.0 | 15,680.5 | 266.0 | 15,432.7 | 16,064.6 | 15,705.3 | 272.6 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 14,029.9 | 14,306.4 | 14,379.2 | 349.3 | 14,174.2 | 14,766.3 | 14,520.3 | 346.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 1,384.6 | 1,298.7 | 1,301.2 | (83.4) | 1,258.5 | 1,298.3 | 1,185.0 | (73.5) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.0 | 8.3 | 8.3 | (0.7) | 8.2 | 8.1 | 7.5 | (0.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.9 | 64.9 | 65.2 | 0.3 | 65.0 | 66.9 | 65.3 | 0.3 |

## NOVA SCOTIA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 446.9 | 449.9 | 451.7 | 4.8 | 447.8 | 471.0 | 452.5 | 4.7 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 394.0 | 402.1 | 400.3 | 6.3 | 402.6 | 423.1 | 408.0 | 5.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 52.9 | 47.8 | 51.3 | (1.6) | 45.2 | 48.0 | 44.5 | (0.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 11.8 | 10.6 | 11.4 | (0.4) | 10.1 | 10.2 | 9.8 | (0.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 60.1 | 60.3 | 60.5 | 0.4 | 60.3 | 63.1 | 60.6 | 0.3 |

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Seasonally Adjusted

## NEWFOUNDLAND

| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 235.1 | 234.8 | 239.0 | 3.9 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 193.3 | 190.4 | 194.6 | 1.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 41.8 | 44.4 | 44.4 | 2.6 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 15.4 | 18.1 | 16.4 | 1.0 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 17.8 | 18.9 | 18.6 | 0.8 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 52.3 | 52.8 | 53.8 | 1.5 |

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 70.8 | 70.2 | 71.1 | 0.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 61.2 | 60.7 | 61.1 | (0.1) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 9.6 | 9.4 | 10.0 | 0.4 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 10.3 | 9.9 | 10.6 | 0.3 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 13.6 | 13.4 | 14.1 | 0.5 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.9 | 65.5 | 66.4 | (0.5) |

## NEW BRUNSWICK

| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 360.7 | 364.7 | 366.9 | 6.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 318.3 | 321.2 | 324.3 | 6.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 42.5 | 43.5 | 42.6 | 0.1 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 10.1 | 10.4 | 9.7 | (0.4) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 11.8 | 11.9 | 11.6 | (0.2) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.8 | 60.2 | 60.6 | 0.8 |

## QUEBEC

| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 3,677.3 | 3,732.1 | 3,724.3 | 47.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 3,262.1 | 3,340.8 | 3,342.6 | 80.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 415.2 | 391.4 | 381.7 | (33.5) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 10.5 | 10.0 | 9.6 | (0.9) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 11.3 | 10.5 | 10.2 | (1.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 61.9 | 62.5 | 62.3 | 0.4 |

NOTE: For regional unemployment rates, see page 5.
Participation rate is the labour force as a % of the population 15 years and over.
Non-civilian and inmate population are not included in labour force data.
Revisions to historic labour force data were released in February 1997.

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## ONTARIO

| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 5,946.6 | 6,003.5 | 6,068.0 | 121.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 5,462.8 | 5,572.5 | 5,634.6 | 171.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 483.8 | 431.0 | 433.4 | (50.4) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 7.4 | 7.1 | 6.5 | (0.9) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 8.1 | 7.2 | 7.1 | (1.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.0 | 65.7 | 66.3 | 0.3 |

## MANITOBA

| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 577.8 | 582.3 | 582.8 | 5.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 539.6 | 549.6 | 547.3 | 7.7 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 38.2 | 32.8 | 35.6 | (2.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.4 | (0.3) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.6 | 5.6 | 6.1 | (0.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.0 | 67.5 | 67.5 | 0.5 |

## SASKATCHEWAN

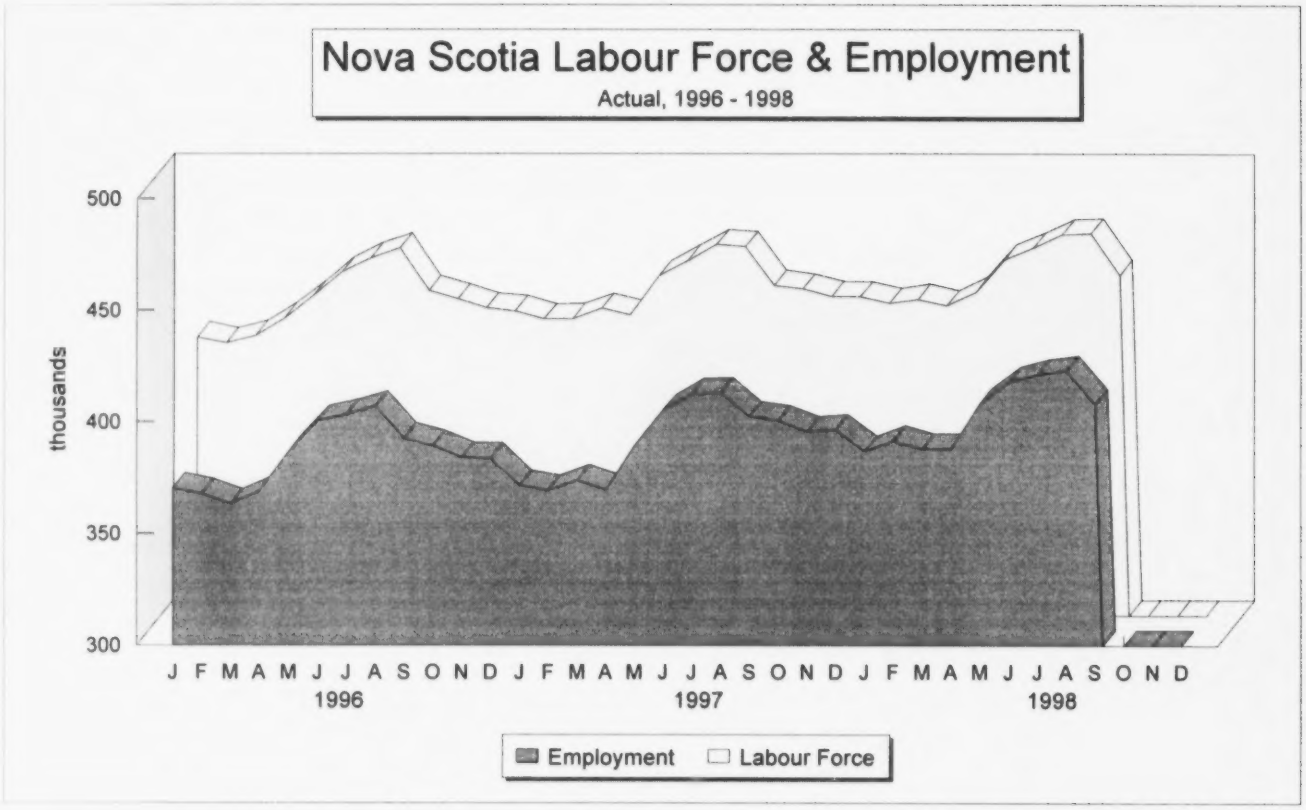
| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 506.1 | 511.3 | 508.2 | 2.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 476.1 | 478.0 | 476.4 | 0.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 30.0 | 33.3 | 31.7 | 1.7 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 5.0 | 6.4 | 5.1 | 0.1 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 5.9 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 0.3 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.5 | 66.9 | 66.5 | 0.0 |

## ALBERTA

| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 1,560.2 | 1,616.1 | 1,624.1 | 63.9 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,472.4 | 1,527.3 | 1,522.6 | 50.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 87.8 | 88.8 | 101.5 | 13.7 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 4.9 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 0.8 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 5.6 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 0.6 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 71.9 | 72.3 | 72.4 | 0.5 |

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 2,033.0 | 2,040.1 | 2,044.4 | 11.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,850.2 | 1,863.8 | 1,875.4 | 25.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 182.8 | 176.4 | 169.0 | (13.8) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 8.2 | 8.2 | 7.4 | (0.8) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 9.0 | 8.6 | 8.3 | (0.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.3 | 64.7 | 64.7 | (0.6) |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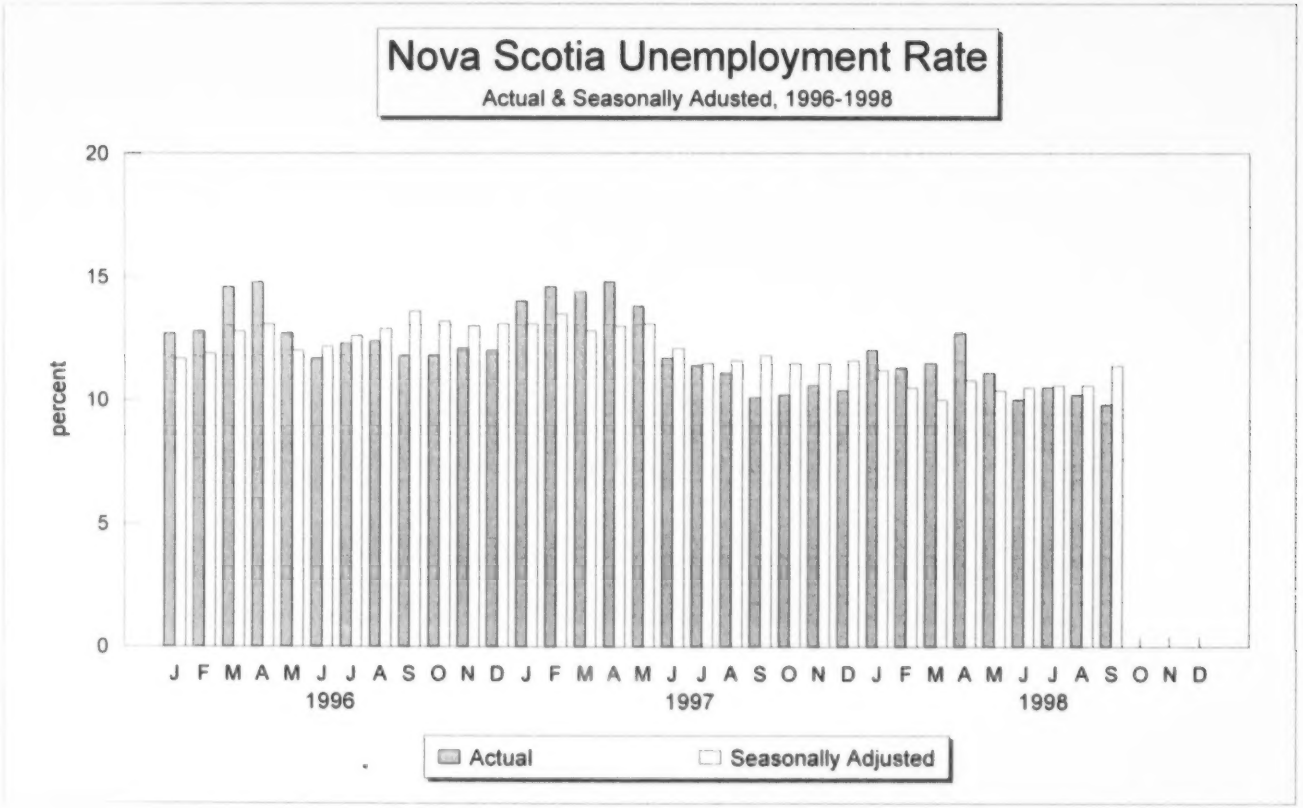
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## HALIFAX METRO

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 186.4 | 188.5 | 188.7 | 2.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 170.5 | 175.3 | 174.9 | 4.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 15.9 | 13.2 | 13.8 | (2.1) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 8.5 | 7.0 | 7.3 | (1.2) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.9 | 68.0 | 68.1 | 0.2 |

## NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 459.6 | 468.7 | 464.7 | 5.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 409.5 | 420.8 | 417.4 | 7.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 50.1 | 47.9 | 47.3 | (2.8) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 10.9 | 10.2 | 10.2 | (0.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 61.9 | 62.8 | 62.3 | 0.4 |

## NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

### CAPE BRETON

| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 67.7 | 69.9 | 69.4 | 1.7 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 57.3 | 58.1 | 57.7 | 0.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 10.4 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 1.4 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 15.4 | 16.9 | 17.0 | 1.6 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 53.6 | 55.5 | 55.2 | 1.6 |

### NORTH SHORE

| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 78.9 | 81.2 | 79.9 | 1.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 68.6 | 72.3 | 71.0 | 2.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 10.3 | 8.9 | 8.8 | (1.5) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 13.1 | 11.0 | 11.0 | (2.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.8 | 61.3 | 60.3 | 0.5 |

### ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 59.0 | 58.8 | 58.6 | (0.4) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 52.4 | 52.9 | 52.9 | 0.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 6.6 | 5.8 | 5.7 | (0.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 11.2 | 9.9 | 9.7 | (1.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 60.5 | 59.8 | 59.5 | (1.0) |

### SOUTHERN

| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 61.1 | 62.0 | 61.4 | 0.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 54.9 | 55.2 | 55.1 | 0.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 6.3 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 0.0 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 10.3 | 11.1 | 10.3 | 0.0 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 58.8 | 59.7 | 59.2 | 0.4 |

### HALIFAX

| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 192.9 | 196.8 | 195.4 | 2.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 176.4 | 182.4 | 180.7 | 4.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 16.6 | 14.4 | 14.7 | (1.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 8.6 | 7.3 | 7.5 | (1.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 68.2 | 68.9 | 68.4 | 0.2 |

**NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR ('000)**

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | 1997 | | 1998 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AUG | SEP | AUG | SEP |
| Total Employment | 391.9 | 392.9 | 402.2 | 401.2 |
| Total Goods Producing Sectors | 92.6 | 93.0 | 94.8 | 93.2 |
| Agriculture | 7.8 | 7.6 | 8.6 | 8.1 |
| Other Primary | 15.1 | 14.9 | 16.3 | 15.7 |
| Utilities | 2.5 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Manufacturing | 44.6 | 45.4 | 47.0 | 46.9 |
| Construction | 22.6 | 22.2 | 19.9 | 19.6 |
| Total Service Producing Sectors | 299.3 | 299.9 | 307.4 | 308.0 |
| Transportation, Storage & Communication | 23.9 | 24.4 | 23.7 | 24.0 |
| Trade | 71.3 | 71.0 | 75.0 | 74.6 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 18.6 | 19.0 | 20.2 | 19.6 |
| Community, Business & Personal Services | 153.4 | 153.7 | 159.7 | 161.2 |
| Public Administration | 32.2 | 31.8 | 28.9 | 28.7 |

## EMPLOYMENT - ACTUAL - 000's

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-Time | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 14,174.2 | 14,766.3 | 14,520.3 | 346.1 | 12,570.8 | 12,387.9 | 11,833.5 | (737.3) | 2,603.4 | 2,378.4 | 2,686.9 | 83.5 |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 204.5 | 208.8 | 205.8 | 1.3 | 172.0 | 183.2 | 178.1 | 6.1 | 32.5 | 25.5 | 27.7 | (4.8) |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 64.7 | 68.5 | 64.7 | 0.0 | 54.4 | 60.5 | 54.1 | (0.3) | 10.4 | 7.9 | 10.6 | 0.2 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 402.6 | 423.1 | 408.0 | 5.4 | 322.8 | 356.0 | 329.2 | 6.4 | 79.8 | 67.0 | 78.8 | (1.0) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 332.2 | 349.0 | 339.0 | 6.8 | 282.7 | 302.5 | 286.1 | 3.4 | 49.5 | 46.5 | 52.9 | 3.4 |
| QUEBEC | 3,305.3 | 3,455.3 | 3,384.0 | 78.7 | 2,732.7 | 2,956.6 | 2,800.0 | 67.3 | 572.6 | 498.7 | 584.0 | 11.4 |
| ONTARIO | 5,481.2 | 5,727.6 | 5,650.6 | 169.4 | 4,466.9 | 4,785.1 | 4,609.2 | 142.3 | 1,014.3 | 942.5 | 1,041.3 | 27.0 |
| MANITOBA | 545.5 | 560.5 | 552.9 | 7.4 | 439.7 | 472.8 | 449.6 | 9.9 | 105.7 | 87.6 | 103.3 | (2.4) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 483.1 | 494.5 | 482.8 | (0.3) | 388.0 | 413.0 | 391.8 | 3.8 | 95.1 | 81.4 | 91.1 | (4.0) |
| ALBERTA | 1,484.4 | 1,562.3 | 1,532.0 | 47.6 | 1,216.9 | 1,315.5 | 1,237.1 | 20.2 | 267.5 | 246.8 | 294.9 | 27.4 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 1,870.8 | 1,916.9 | 1,900.6 | 29.8 | 1,494.6 | 1,542.4 | 1,498.4 | 3.8 | 376.2 | 374.4 | 402.2 | 26.0 |

## 15-24 AGE GROUP - ACTUAL

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 | SEP 1997 | AUG 1998 | SEP 1998 | CHANGE SEP '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 2,352.7 | 2,853.3 | 2,423.6 | 70.9 | 1,987.9 | 2,480.4 | 2,086.0 | 98.1 | 15.5 | 13.1 | 13.9 | (1.6) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 32.8 | 44.7 | 32.9 | 0.1 | 24.6 | 34.2 | 23.9 | (0.7) | 24.7 | 23.5 | 27.4 | 2.7 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 12.8 | 16.5 | 12.5 | (0.3) | 11.0 | 14.6 | 10.2 | (0.8) | 14.1 | 10.9 | 18.4 | 4.3 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 74.6 | 90.4 | 70.6 | (4.0) | 59.6 | 76.3 | 56.9 | (2.7) | 20.1 | 15.6 | 19.4 | (0.7) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 57.4 | 77.9 | 60.5 | 3.1 | 47.4 | 67.1 | 51.6 | 4.2 | 17.4 | 13.7 | 14.7 | (2.7) |
| QUEBEC | 517.3 | 649.1 | 558.2 | 40.9 | 422.7 | 557.1 | 473.6 | 50.9 | 18.3 | 14.2 | 15.2 | (3.1) |
| ONTARIO | 899.1 | 1,085.4 | 915.3 | 16.2 | 762.9 | 944.6 | 792.2 | 29.3 | 15.1 | 13.0 | 13.4 | (1.7) |
| MANITOBA | 103.2 | 115.5 | 101.7 | (1.5) | 90.8 | 106.7 | 91.0 | 0.2 | 9.9 | 7.6 | 10.5 | 0.6 |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 94.7 | 106.8 | 87.4 | (7.3) | 85.3 | 96.0 | 79.5 | (5.8) | 9.9 | 10.1 | 9.0 | (0.9) |
| ALBERTA | 265.1 | 324.6 | 282.2 | 17.1 | 237.7 | 293.6 | 250.1 | 12.4 | 10.4 | 9.6 | 11.4 | 1.0 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 295.6 | 342.4 | 302.2 | 6.6 | 245.8 | 290.1 | 256.8 | 11.0 | 16.8 | 15.3 | 15.0 | (1.8) |

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# EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

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# EMPLOYMENT SITUATION - OCTOBER1998

## CANADA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 15,432.3 | 15,680.5 | 15,701.5 | 269.2 | 15,405.4 | 15,705.3 | 15,691.8 | 286.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 14,029.5 | 14,379.2 | 14,436.4 | 406.9 | 14,105.6 | 14,520.3 | 14,526.1 | 420.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 1,402.8 | 1,301.2 | 1,265.0 | (137.8) | 1,299.8 | 1,185.0 | 1,165.6 | (134.2) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.1 | 8.3 | 8.1 | (1.0) | 8.4 | 7.5 | 7.4 | (1.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.9 | 65.2 | 65.2 | 0.3 | 64.8 | 65.3 | 65.2 | 0.4 |

## NOVA SCOTIA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 447.1 | 451.7 | 452.3 | 5.2 | 446.1 | 452.5 | 451.2 | 5.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 395.5 | 400.3 | 404.0 | 8.5 | 400.7 | 408.0 | 408.5 | 7.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 51.6 | 51.3 | 48.4 | (3.2) | 45.5 | 44.5 | 42.6 | (2.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 11.5 | 11.4 | 10.7 | (0.8) | 10.2 | 9.8 | 9.4 | (0.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 60.1 | 60.5 | 60.5 | 0.4 | 60.0 | 60.6 | 60.4 | 0.4 |

Seasonally Adjusted

## NEWFOUNDLAND

| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 236.6 | 239.0 | 249.6 | 13.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 194.9 | 194.6 | 204.5 | 9.6 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 41.7 | 44.4 | 45.1 | 3.4 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 15.8 | 16.4 | 16.4 | 0.6 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 17.6 | 18.6 | 18.1 | 0.5 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 52.7 | 53.8 | 56.2 | 3.5 |

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 70.1 | 71.1 | 69.7 | (0.4) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 60.9 | 61.1 | 59.9 | (1.0) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 9.2 | 10.0 | 9.8 | 0.6 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 10.2 | 10.6 | 11.0 | 0.8 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 13.1 | 14.1 | 14.1 | 1.0 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.2 | 66.4 | 65.1 | 0.1 |

## NEW BRUNSWICK

| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 363.7 | 366.9 | 370.7 | 7.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 319.7 | 324.3 | 328.5 | 8.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 43.9 | 42.6 | 42.1 | (1.8) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 10.8 | 9.7 | 9.8 | (1.0) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 12.1 | 11.6 | 11.4 | (0.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 60.3 | 60.6 | 61.2 | 0.9 |

## QUEBEC

| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 3,690.4 | 3,724.3 | 3,715.6 | 25.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 3,275.4 | 3,342.6 | 3,355.1 | 79.7 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 415.1 | 381.7 | 360.4 | (54.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 10.9 | 9.6 | 9.3 | (1.6) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 11.2 | 10.2 | 9.7 | (1.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 62.1 | 62.3 | 62.1 | 0.0 |

NOTE: For regional unemployment rates, see page 5.
Participation rate is the labour force as a % of the population 15 years and over.
Non-civilian and inmate population are not included in labour force data.
Revisions to historic labour force data were released in February 1997.

## ONTARIO

| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 5,954.3 | 6,068.0 | 6,091.8 | 137.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 5,452.8 | 5,634.6 | 5,667.2 | 214.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 501.4 | 433.4 | 424.5 | (76.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 7.7 | 6.5 | 6.4 | (1.3) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 8.4 | 7.1 | 7.0 | (1.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.0 | 66.3 | 66.5 | 0.5 |

## MANITOBA

| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 576.7 | 582.8 | 581.3 | 4.6 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 538.6 | 547.3 | 546.2 | 7.6 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 38.1 | 35.6 | 35.2 | (2.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.3 | (0.3) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.6 | 6.1 | 6.1 | (0.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.9 | 67.5 | 67.3 | 0.4 |

## SASKATCHEWAN

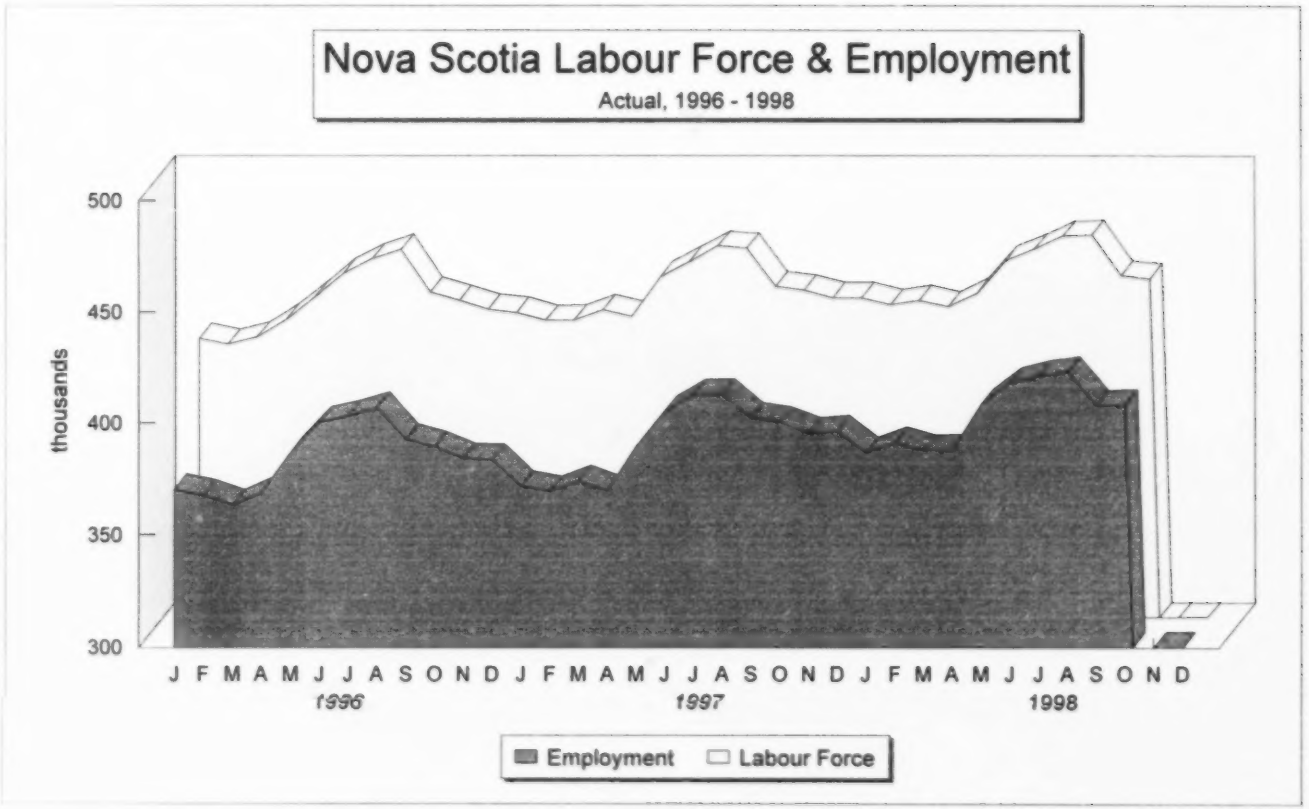
| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 507.8 | 508.2 | 508.3 | 0.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 475.8 | 476.4 | 475.9 | 0.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 32.0 | 31.7 | 32.4 | 0.4 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 0.0 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 0.1 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.7 | 66.5 | 66.4 | (0.3) |

## ALBERTA

| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 1,568.1 | 1,624.1 | 1,615.6 | 47.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,478.1 | 1,522.6 | 1,512.2 | 34.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 90.1 | 101.5 | 103.3 | 13.2 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 5.2 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 0.8 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 5.7 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 0.7 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 72.0 | 72.4 | 71.9 | (0.1) |

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 2,017.7 | 2,044.4 | 2,046.7 | 29.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,837.9 | 1,875.4 | 1,882.9 | 45.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 179.8 | 169.0 | 163.8 | (16.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 8.6 | 7.4 | 7.5 | (1.1) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 8.9 | 8.3 | 8.0 | (0.9) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.7 | 64.7 | 64.8 | 0.1 |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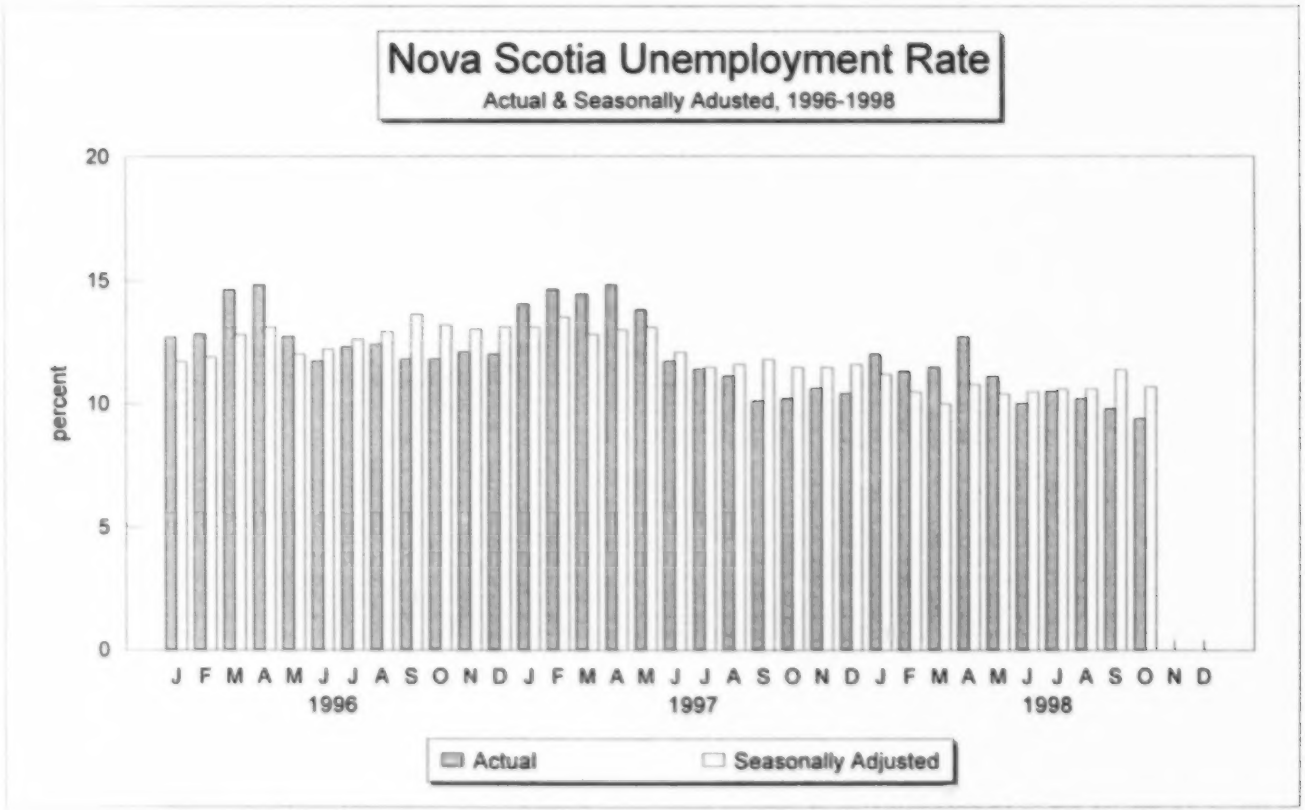
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## HALIFAX METRO

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 187.3 | 188.7 | 189.3 | 2.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 171.2 | 174.9 | 174.9 | 3.7 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 16.1 | 13.8 | 14.4 | (1.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 8.6 | 7.3 | 7.6 | (1.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 68.2 | 68.1 | 68.2 | 0.0 |

## NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 453.0 | 464.7 | 458.2 | 5.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 405.5 | 417.4 | 413.2 | 7.7 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 47.5 | 47.3 | 45.0 | (2.5) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 10.5 | 10.2 | 9.8 | (0.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 61.0 | 62.3 | 61.4 | 0.4 |

## NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

### CAPE BRETON

| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 66.1 | 69.4 | 67.6 | 1.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 56.5 | 57.7 | 56.0 | (0.5) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 9.6 | 11.8 | 11.6 | 2.0 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 14.5 | 17.0 | 17.2 | 2.7 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 52.4 | 55.2 | 53.7 | 1.3 |

### NORTH SHORE

| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 77.5 | 79.9 | 77.9 | 0.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 67.2 | 71.0 | 69.6 | 2.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 10.2 | 8.8 | 8.3 | (1.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 13.2 | 11.0 | 10.7 | (2.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 58.7 | 60.3 | 58.8 | 0.1 |

### ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 57.1 | 58.6 | 57.6 | 0.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 50.8 | 52.9 | 52.7 | 1.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 6.3 | 5.7 | 4.9 | (1.4) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 11.0 | 9.7 | 8.5 | (2.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 58.4 | 59.5 | 58.5 | 0.1 |

### SOUTHERN

| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 60.1 | 61.4 | 60.6 | 0.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 54.5 | 55.1 | 54.5 | 0.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 5.6 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 0.5 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.3 | 10.3 | 10.1 | 0.8 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 57.8 | 59.2 | 58.4 | 0.6 |

### HALIFAX

| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 192.2 | 195.4 | 194.5 | 2.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 176.5 | 180.7 | 180.3 | 3.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 15.8 | 14.7 | 14.2 | (1.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 8.2 | 7.5 | 7.3 | (0.9) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.9 | 68.4 | 68.0 | 0.1 |

**NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR ('000)**

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | 1997 | | 1998 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | SEP | OCT | SEP | OCT |
| Total Employment | 392.9 | 394.0 | 401.2 | 402.2 |
| Total Goods Producing Sectors | 93.0 | 94.3 | 93.2 | 91.2 |
| Agriculture | 7.6 | 7.4 | 8.1 | 7.4 |
| Other Primary | 14.9 | 14.8 | 15.7 | 14.9 |
| Utilities | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.2 |
| Manufacturing | 45.4 | 46.8 | 46.9 | 46.3 |
| Construction | 22.2 | 22.2 | 19.6 | 19.3 |
| Total Service Producing Sectors | 299.9 | 299.7 | 308.0 | 311.0 |
| Transportation, Storage & Communication | 24.4 | 24.5 | 24.0 | 23.9 |
| Trade | 71.0 | 71.2 | 74.6 | 75.4 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 19.0 | 19.1 | 19.6 | 19.5 |
| Community, Business & Personal Services | 153.7 | 154.8 | 161.2 | 164.3 |
| Public Administration | 31.8 | 30.1 | 28.7 | 27.8 |

## EMPLOYMENT - ACTUAL - 000's

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-Time | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 14,105.6 | 14,520.3 | 14,526.1 | 420.5 | 11,391.8 | 11,833.5 | 11,767.3 | 375.5 | 2,713.8 | 2,686.9 | 2,758.8 | 45.0 |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 197.3 | 205.8 | 208.0 | 10.7 | 161.1 | 178.1 | 175.0 | 13.9 | 36.2 | 27.7 | 33.0 | (3.2) |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 63.5 | 64.7 | 62.3 | (1.2) | 52.1 | 54.1 | 51.3 | (0.8) | 11.4 | 10.6 | 11.0 | (0.4) |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 400.7 | 408.0 | 408.5 | 7.8 | 318.5 | 329.2 | 325.8 | 7.3 | 82.2 | 78.8 | 82.7 | 0.5 |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 326.5 | 339.0 | 337.0 | 10.5 | 275.6 | 286.1 | 284.8 | 9.2 | 50.9 | 52.9 | 52.3 | 1.4 |
| QUEBEC | 3,288.1 | 3,384.0 | 3,373.4 | 85.3 | 2,681.5 | 2,800.0 | 2,781.0 | 99.5 | 606.6 | 584.0 | 592.5 | (14.1) |
| ONTARIO | 5,475.8 | 5,650.6 | 5,691.5 | 215.7 | 4,419.9 | 4,609.2 | 4,629.1 | 209.2 | 1,055.9 | 1,041.3 | 1,062.4 | 6.5 |
| MANITOBA | 544.0 | 552.9 | 551.1 | 7.1 | 439.5 | 449.6 | 447.2 | 7.7 | 104.5 | 103.3 | 103.9 | (0.6) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 478.6 | 482.8 | 478.6 | 0.0 | 379.8 | 391.8 | 381.4 | 1.6 | 98.8 | 91.1 | 97.1 | (1.7) |
| ALBERTA | 1,485.4 | 1,532.0 | 1,516.6 | 31.2 | 1,215.0 | 1,237.1 | 1,207.4 | (7.6) | 270.5 | 294.9 | 309.2 | 38.7 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 1,845.6 | 1,900.6 | 1,899.1 | 53.5 | 1,448.7 | 1,498.4 | 1,484.3 | 35.6 | 396.8 | 402.2 | 414.8 | 18.0 |

## 15-24 AGE GROUP - ACTUAL

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 | OCT 1997 | SEP 1998 | OCT 1998 | CHANGE OCT '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 2,335.6 | 2,423.6 | 2,398.2 | 62.6 | 1,978.0 | 2,086.0 | 2,069.1 | 91.1 | 15.3 | 13.9 | 13.7 | (1.6) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 31.8 | 32.9 | 33.4 | 1.6 | 24.9 | 23.9 | 23.4 | (1.5) | 21.7 | 27.4 | 29.9 | 8.2 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 12.0 | 12.5 | 11.7 | (0.3) | 10.6 | 10.2 | 10.0 | (0.6) | 10.8 | 18.4 | 15.4 | 4.6 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 73.6 | 70.6 | 71.2 | (2.4) | 59.9 | 56.9 | 58.6 | (1.3) | 18.6 | 19.4 | 17.8 | (0.8) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 55.3 | 60.5 | 60.4 | 5.1 | 45.4 | 51.6 | 50.9 | 5.5 | 17.9 | 14.7 | 15.7 | (2.2) |
| QUEBEC | 519.9 | 558.2 | 537.5 | 17.6 | 420.1 | 473.6 | 458.1 | 38.0 | 19.2 | 15.2 | 14.8 | (4.4) |
| ONTARIO | 893.4 | 915.3 | 914.5 | 21.1 | 763.4 | 792.2 | 794.6 | 31.2 | 14.6 | 13.4 | 13.1 | (1.5) |
| MANITOBA | 99.9 | 101.7 | 100.3 | 0.4 | 87.4 | 91.0 | 90.2 | 2.8 | 12.5 | 10.5 | 10.1 | (2.4) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 91.6 | 87.4 | 87.4 | (4.2) | 83.1 | 79.5 | 78.8 | (4.3) | 9.3 | 9.0 | 10.0 | 0.7 |
| ALBERTA | 263.6 | 282.2 | 277.3 | 13.7 | 236.7 | 250.1 | 241.5 | 4.8 | 10.2 | 11.4 | 12.9 | 2.7 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 294.5 | 302.2 | 304.3 | 9.8 | 246.4 | 256.8 | 263.0 | 16.6 | 16.3 | 15.0 | 13.6 | (2.7) |

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## CANADA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 15,449.7 | 15,701.5 | 15,807.6 | 357.9 | 15,333.5 | 15,691.8 | 15,708.6 | 375.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 14,066.4 | 14,436.4 | 14,539.8 | 473.4 | 14,010.3 | 14,526.1 | 14,493.4 | 483.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 1,383.4 | 1,265.0 | 1,267.8 | (115.6) | 1,323.2 | 1,165.6 | 1,215.2 | (108.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.0 | 8.1 | 8.0 | (1.0) | 8.6 | 7.4 | 7.7 | (0.9) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.9 | 65.2 | 65.6 | 0.7 | 64.4 | 65.2 | 65.2 | 0.8 |

## NOVA SCOTIA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 446.6 | 452.3 | 453.7 | 7.1 | 442.8 | 451.2 | 449.1 | 6.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 395.2 | 404.0 | 403.7 | 8.5 | 395.7 | 408.5 | 402.4 | 6.7 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 51.4 | 48.4 | 49.9 | (1.5) | 47.0 | 42.6 | 46.7 | (0.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 11.5 | 10.7 | 11.0 | (0.5) | 10.6 | 9.4 | 10.4 | (0.2) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 60.0 | 60.5 | 60.7 | 0.7 | 59.5 | 60.4 | 60.1 | 0.6 |

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Seasonally Adjusted

## NEWFOUNDLAND

| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 236.5 | 249.6 | 248.1 | 11.6 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 195.5 | 204.5 | 202.8 | 7.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 40.9 | 45.1 | 45.2 | 4.3 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 15.9 | 16.4 | 16.7 | 0.8 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 17.3 | 18.1 | 18.2 | 0.9 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 52.7 | 56.2 | 55.9 | 3.2 |

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 71.2 | 69.7 | 70.4 | (0.8) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 60.5 | 59.9 | 60.5 | 0.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 10.7 | 9.8 | 9.9 | (0.8) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 15.4 | 11.0 | 14.9 | (0.5) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 15.0 | 14.1 | 14.1 | (0.9) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.3 | 65.1 | 65.6 | 0.7 |

## NEW BRUNSWICK

| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 367.3 | 370.7 | 375.5 | 8.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 321.4 | 328.5 | 332.5 | 11.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 45.9 | 42.1 | 42.9 | (3.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 12.0 | 9.8 | 10.9 | (1.1) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 12.5 | 11.4 | 11.4 | (1.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 60.8 | 61.2 | 61.9 | 1.1 |

## QUEBEC

| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 3,680.0 | 3,715.6 | 3,756.7 | 76.7 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 3,278.6 | 3,355.1 | 3,386.4 | 107.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 401.4 | 360.4 | 370.2 | (31.2) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 11.0 | 9.3 | 10.0 | (1.0) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 10.9 | 9.7 | 9.9 | (1.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 61.9 | 62.1 | 62.8 | 0.9 |

NOTE: For regional unemployment rates, see page 5.
Participation rate is the labour force as a % of the population 15 years and over.
Non-civilian and inmate population are not included in labour force data.
Revisions to historic labour force data were released in February 1997.

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## ONTARIO

| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 5,961.6 | 6,091.8 | 6,112.4 | 150.8 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 5,465.6 | 5,667.2 | 5,688.2 | 222.6 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 495.9 | 424.5 | 424.2 | (71.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 7.7 | 6.4 | 6.4 | (1.3) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 8.3 | 7.0 | 6.9 | (1.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.0 | 66.5 | 66.6 | 0.6 |

## MANITOBA

| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 578.2 | 581.3 | 584.4 | 6.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 541.1 | 546.2 | 552.4 | 11.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 37.1 | 35.2 | 32.0 | (5.1) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 6.1 | 5.3 | 5.3 | (0.8) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.4 | 6.1 | 5.5 | (0.9) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.1 | 67.3 | 67.6 | 0.5 |

## SASKATCHEWAN

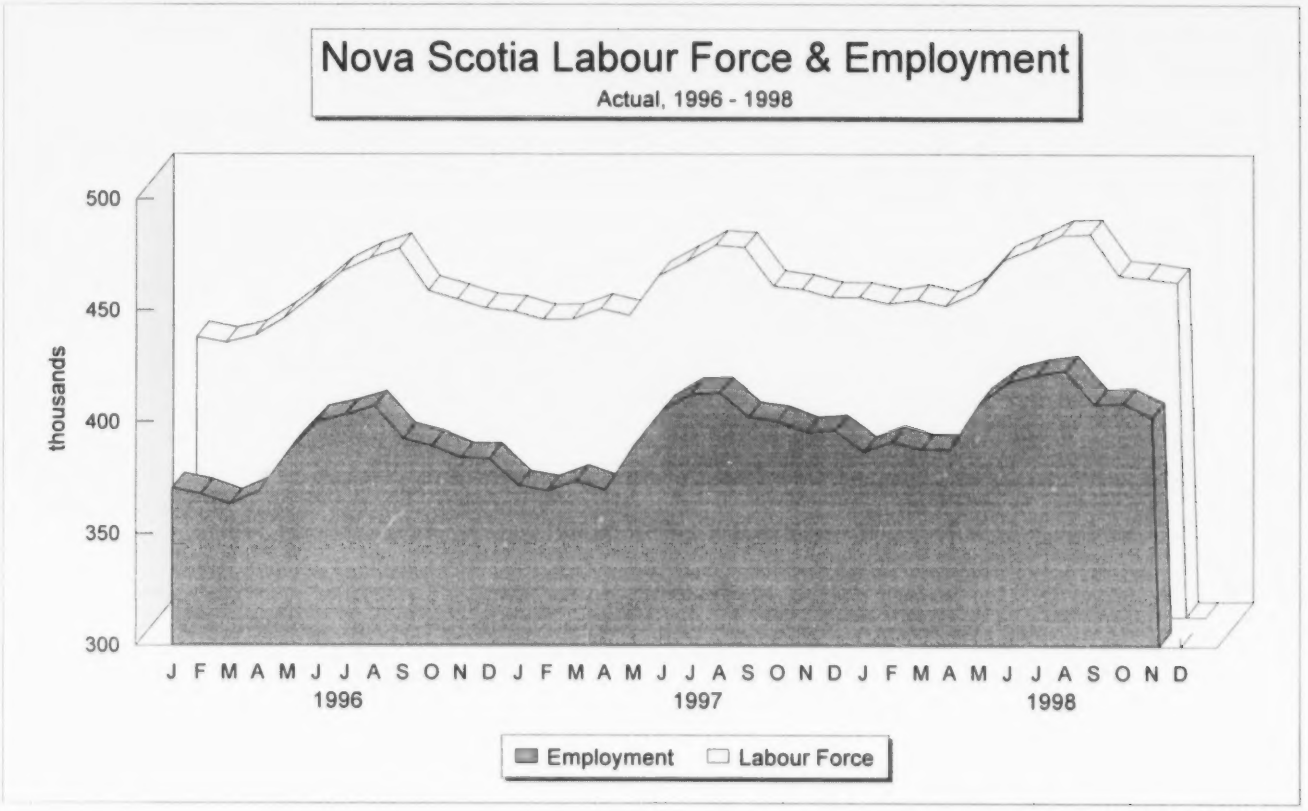
| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 511.4 | 508.3 | 512.9 | 1.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 481.7 | 475.9 | 482.4 | 0.7 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 29.7 | 32.4 | 30.5 | 0.8 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 0.1 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 5.8 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 0.1 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.1 | 66.4 | 67.0 | (0.1) |

## ALBERTA

| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 1,570.8 | 1,615.6 | 1,628.2 | 57.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,480.6 | 1,512.2 | 1,527.9 | 47.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 90.2 | 103.3 | 100.4 | 10.2 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 0.4 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 5.7 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 0.5 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 72.0 | 71.9 | 72.3 | 0.3 |

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 2,026.3 | 2,046.7 | 2,065.2 | 38.9 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,846.1 | 1,882.9 | 1,902.9 | 56.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 180.1 | 163.8 | 162.4 | (17.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 9.0 | 7.5 | 7.8 | (1.2) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 8.9 | 8.0 | 7.9 | (1.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.8 | 64.8 | 65.3 | 0.5 |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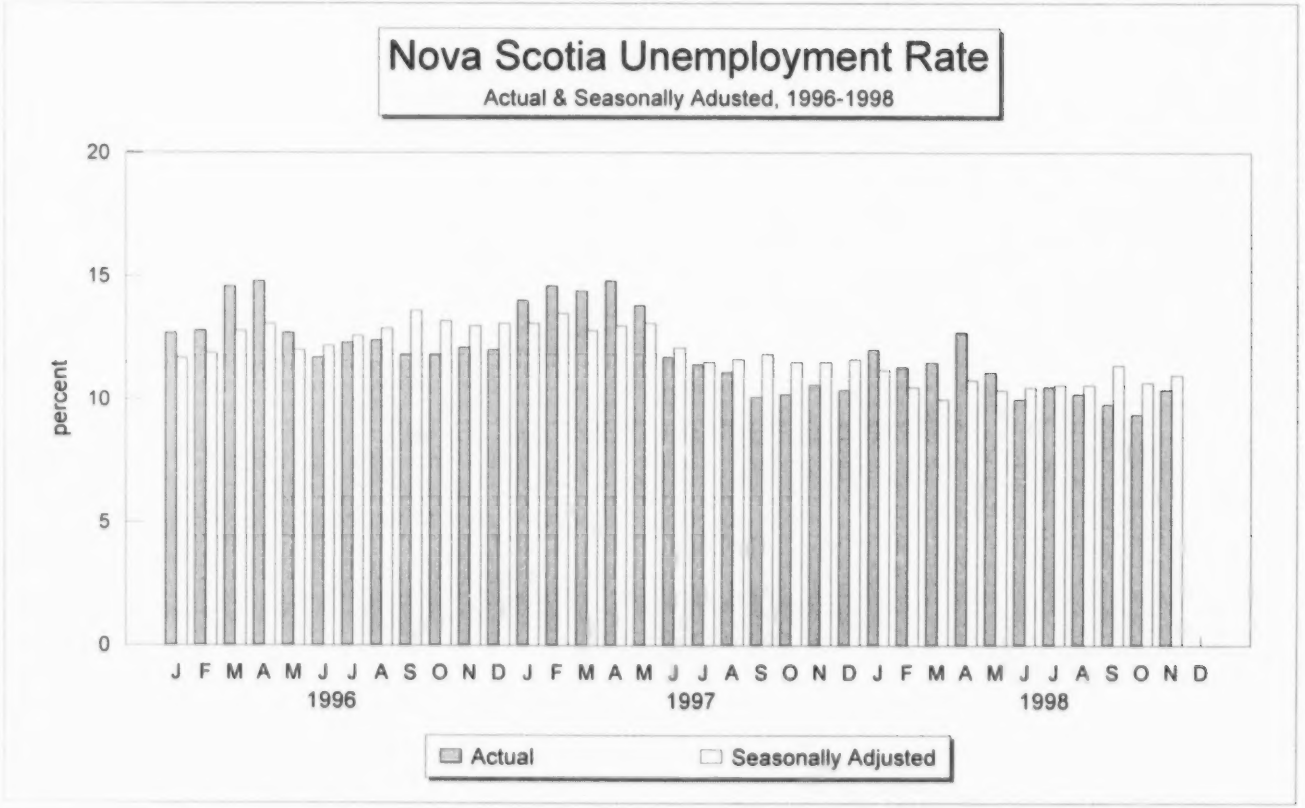
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## HALIFAX METRO

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 188.1 | 189.3 | 190.6 | 2.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 171.0 | 174.9 | 176.0 | 5.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 17.1 | 14.4 | 14.7 | (2.4) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.1 | 7.6 | 7.7 | (1.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 68.4 | 68.2 | 68.6 | 0.2 |

## NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 445.6 | 458.2 | 450.9 | 5.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 399.7 | 413.2 | 406.3 | 6.6 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 45.9 | 45.0 | 44.6 | (1.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 10.3 | 9.8 | 9.9 | (0.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.9 | 61.4 | 60.4 | 0.5 |

## NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

### CAPE BRETON

| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 64.1 | 67.6 | 66.0 | 1.9 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 55.8 | 56.0 | 53.7 | (2.1) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 8.3 | 11.6 | 12.2 | 3.9 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.9 | 17.2 | 18.5 | 5.6 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 50.8 | 53.7 | 52.5 | 1.7 |

### NORTH SHORE

| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 75.4 | 77.9 | 74.6 | (0.8) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 65.7 | 69.6 | 67.1 | 1.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 9.7 | 8.3 | 7.5 | (2.2) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.9 | 10.7 | 10.1 | (2.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 57.1 | 58.8 | 56.3 | (0.8) |

### ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 56.1 | 57.6 | 56.0 | (0.1) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 50.5 | 52.7 | 51.4 | 0.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 5.6 | 4.9 | 4.6 | (1.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 10.0 | 8.5 | 8.2 | (1.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 57.3 | 58.5 | 56.8 | (0.5) |

### SOUTHERN

| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 58.7 | 60.6 | 59.8 | 1.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 52.8 | 54.5 | 53.6 | 0.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 5.9 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 0.3 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 10.1 | 10.1 | 10.4 | 0.3 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 56.4 | 58.4 | 57.6 | 1.2 |

### HALIFAX

| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | CHANGE NOV '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 191.3 | 194.5 | 194.6 | 3.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 174.9 | 180.3 | 180.4 | 5.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 16.4 | 14.2 | 14.1 | (2.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 8.6 | 7.3 | 7.2 | (1.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.5 | 68.0 | 68.0 | 0.5 |

**NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR ('000)**

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | 1997 | | 1998 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | OCT | NOV | OCT | NOV |
| Total Employment | 394.0 | 394.9 | 402.1 | 402.7 |
| Total Goods Producing Sectors | 94.3 | 95.5 | 91.2 | 90.3 |
| Agriculture | 7.4 | 7.0 | 7.4 | 6.8 |
| Other Primary | 14.8 | 14.8 | 14.9 | 14.2 |
| Utilities | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.4 |
| Manufacturing | 46.8 | 48.1 | 46.3 | 45.5 |
| Construction | 22.2 | 22.3 | 19.3 | 20.4 |
| Total Service Producing Sectors | 299.7 | 299.4 | 311.0 | 312.3 |
| Transportation, Storage & Communication | 24.5 | 24.3 | 23.9 | 23.8 |
| Trade | 71.2 | 72.3 | 75.4 | 76.3 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 19.1 | 19.1 | 19.5 | 19.4 |
| Community, Business & Personal Services | 154.8 | 154.7 | 164.3 | 165.4 |
| Public Administration | 30.1 | 29.1 | 27.8 | 27.5 |

## EMPLOYMENT - ACTUAL - 000's

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-Time | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE |
| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | NOV '97-'98 | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | NOV '97-'98 | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | NOV '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 14,010.3 | 14,526.1 | 14,493.4 | 483.1 | 11,259.3 | 11,767.3 | 11,655.7 | 396.4 | 2,751.0 | 2,758.8 | 2,837.6 | 86.6 |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 193.9 | 208.0 | 202.5 | 8.6 | 158.3 | 175.0 | 170.4 | 12.1 | 35.6 | 33.0 | 32.1 | (3.5) |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 58.8 | 62.3 | 58.4 | (0.4) | 47.1 | 51.3 | 48.1 | 1.0 | 11.7 | 11.0 | 10.3 | (1.4) |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 395.7 | 408.5 | 402.4 | 6.7 | 312.4 | 325.8 | 320.5 | 8.1 | 83.4 | 82.7 | 81.9 | (1.5) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 317.3 | 337.0 | 330.1 | 12.8 | 267.7 | 284.8 | 274.6 | 6.9 | 49.5 | 52.3 | 55.5 | 6.0 |
| QUEBEC | 3,233.8 | 3,373.4 | 3,346.9 | 113.1 | 2,634.7 | 2,781.0 | 2,735.2 | 100.5 | 599.1 | 592.5 | 611.7 | 12.6 |
| ONTARIO | 5,489.3 | 5,691.5 | 5,709.0 | 219.7 | 4,409.4 | 4,629.1 | 4,615.2 | 205.8 | 1,079.9 | 1,062.4 | 1,093.8 | 13.9 |
| MANITOBA | 538.3 | 551.1 | 550.8 | 12.5 | 425.8 | 447.2 | 438.6 | 12.8 | 112.5 | 103.9 | 112.1 | (0.4) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 474.5 | 478.6 | 476.8 | 2.3 | 370.8 | 381.4 | 372.6 | 1.8 | 103.7 | 97.1 | 104.2 | 0.5 |
| ALBERTA | 1,477.4 | 1,516.6 | 1,522.6 | 45.2 | 1,195.4 | 1,207.4 | 1,214.4 | 19.0 | 282.0 | 309.2 | 308.1 | 26.1 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 1,831.3 | 1,899.1 | 1,893.9 | 62.6 | 1,437.7 | 1,484.3 | 1,466.1 | 28.4 | 393.6 | 414.8 | 427.8 | 34.2 |

## 15-24 AGE GROUP - ACTUAL

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE |
| | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | NOV '97-'98 | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | NOV '97-'98 | NOV 1997 | OCT 1998 | NOV 1998 | NOV '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 2,310.8 | 2,398.2 | 2,436.0 | 125.2 | 1,947.9 | 2,069.1 | 2,092.8 | 144.9 | 15.7 | 13.7 | 14.1 | (1.6) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 30.1 | 33.4 | 32.4 | 2.3 | 24.1 | 23.4 | 22.9 | (1.2) | 19.6 | 29.9 | 29.3 | 9.7 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 11.5 | 11.7 | 11.2 | (0.3) | 9.4 | 10.0 | 9.5 | 0.1 | 18.3 | 15.4 | 16.1 | (2.2) |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 72.1 | 71.2 | 71.0 | (1.1) | 57.8 | 58.6 | 57.9 | 0.1 | 20.0 | 17.8 | 18.5 | (1.5) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 55.7 | 60.4 | 59.4 | 3.7 | 44.8 | 50.9 | 50.5 | 5.7 | 19.6 | 15.7 | 15.2 | (4.4) |
| QUEBEC | 500.5 | 537.5 | 559.3 | 58.8 | 397.3 | 458.1 | 466.0 | 68.7 | 20.6 | 14.8 | 16.7 | (3.9) |
| ONTARIO | 895.7 | 914.5 | 925.0 | 29.3 | 769.4 | 794.6 | 804.9 | 35.5 | 14.1 | 13.1 | 13.0 | (1.1) |
| MANITOBA | 101.5 | 100.3 | 100.7 | (0.8) | 88.5 | 90.2 | 90.9 | 2.4 | 12.8 | 10.1 | 9.8 | (3.0) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 89.2 | 87.4 | 86.8 | (2.4) | 80.1 | 78.8 | 78.4 | (1.7) | 10.1 | 10.0 | 9.7 | (0.4) |
| ALBERTA | 264.0 | 277.3 | 278.0 | 14.0 | 236.7 | 241.5 | 246.1 | 9.4 | 10.3 | 12.9 | 11.4 | 1.1 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 290.5 | 304.3 | 312.1 | 21.6 | 239.7 | 263.0 | 265.7 | 26.0 | 17.5 | 13.6 | 14.9 | (2.6) |

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# EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

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# EMPLOYMENT SITUATION - DECEMBER 1998

## CANADA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 15,436.1 | 15,807.6 | 15,837.0 | 400.9 | 15,219.6 | 15,708.6 | 15,632.6 | 413.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 14,114.8 | 14,539.8 | 14,564.2 | 449.4 | 13,979.3 | 14,493.4 | 14,430.3 | 451.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 1,321.3 | 1,267.8 | 1,272.8 | (48.5) | 1,240.3 | 1,215.2 | 1,202.4 | (37.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 8.6 | 8.0 | 8.0 | (0.6) | 8.1 | 7.7 | 7.7 | (0.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.8 | 65.6 | 65.6 | 0.8 | 63.9 | 65.2 | 64.8 | 0.9 |

## NOVA SCOTIA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 449.7 | 453.7 | 449.4 | (0.3) | 442.7 | 449.1 | 442.7 | 0.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 397.5 | 403.7 | 401.8 | 4.3 | 396.7 | 402.4 | 400.0 | 3.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 52.2 | 49.9 | 47.6 | (4.6) | 45.9 | 46.7 | 42.7 | (3.2) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 11.6 | 11.0 | 10.6 | (1.0) | 10.4 | 10.4 | 9.6 | (0.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 60.4 | 60.7 | 60.1 | (0.3) | 59.5 | 60.1 | 59.2 | (0.3) |

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Seasonally Adjusted

## NEWFOUNDLAND

| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 238.1 | 248.1 | 245.2 | 7.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 196.3 | 202.8 | 199.4 | 3.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 41.8 | 45.2 | 45.9 | 4.1 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 16.2 | 16.7 | 17.5 | 1.3 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 17.6 | 18.2 | 18.7 | 1.1 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 53.1 | 55.9 | 55.2 | 2.1 |

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 70.9 | 70.4 | 71.0 | 0.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 60.8 | 60.5 | 60.2 | (0.6) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 10.1 | 9.9 | 10.9 | 0.8 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 16.1 | 14.9 | 17.6 | 1.5 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 14.2 | 14.1 | 15.4 | 1.2 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.1 | 65.6 | 66.2 | (0.1) |

## NEW BRUNSWICK

| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 369.1 | 375.5 | 380.5 | 11.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 323.1 | 332.5 | 336.2 | 13.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 45.9 | 42.9 | 44.3 | (1.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 12.1 | 10.9 | 11.2 | (0.9) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 12.4 | 11.4 | 11.6 | (0.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 61.1 | 61.9 | 62.7 | 1.6 |

## QUEBEC

| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 3,685.6 | 3,756.7 | 3,771.4 | 85.8 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 3,302.2 | 3,386.4 | 3,398.4 | 96.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 383.4 | 370.2 | 373.0 | (10.4) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 10.5 | 10.0 | 10.0 | (0.5) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 10.4 | 9.9 | 9.9 | (0.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 62.0 | 62.8 | 63.0 | 1.0 |

NOTE: For regional unemployment rates, see page 5.
Participation rate is the labour force as a % of the population 15 years and over.
Non-civilian and inmate population are not included in labour force data.

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## ONTARIO

| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 5,959.6 | 6,112.4 | 6,129.9 | 170.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 5,493.9 | 5,688.2 | 5,707.0 | 213.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 465.6 | 424.2 | 423.0 | (42.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 7.1 | 6.4 | 6.3 | (0.8) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 7.8 | 6.9 | 6.9 | (0.9) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.9 | 66.6 | 66.8 | 0.9 |

## MANITOBA

| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 577.5 | 584.4 | 588.2 | 10.7 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 542.6 | 552.4 | 553.5 | 10.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 34.9 | 32.0 | 34.7 | (0.2) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 0.0 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.9 | (0.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.1 | 67.6 | 68.0 | 0.9 |

## SASKATCHEWAN

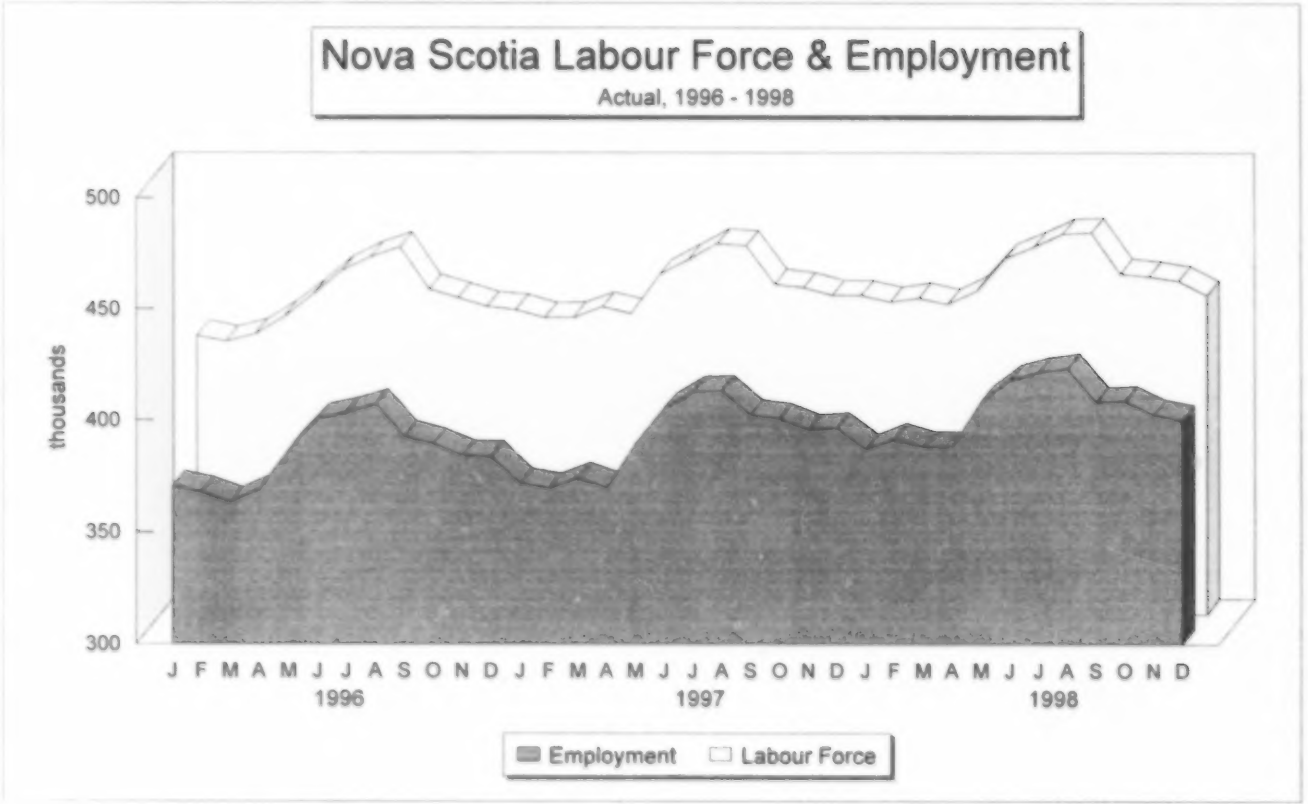
| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 505.0 | 512.9 | 513.0 | 8.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 479.3 | 482.4 | 480.9 | 1.6 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 25.7 | 30.5 | 32.1 | 6.4 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 4.8 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 1.2 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 5.1 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 1.2 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.3 | 67.0 | 67.0 | 0.7 |

## ALBERTA

| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 1,570.1 | 1,628.2 | 1,625.6 | 55.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,481.8 | 1,527.9 | 1,532.4 | 50.6 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 88.2 | 100.4 | 93.2 | 5.0 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 5.2 | 5.9 | 5.2 | 0.0 |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 5.6 | 6.2 | 5.7 | 0.1 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 71.8 | 72.3 | 72.1 | 0.3 |

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 2,010.6 | 2,065.2 | 2,062.6 | 52.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,837.2 | 1,902.9 | 1,894.5 | 57.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 173.4 | 162.4 | 168.2 | (5.2) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 8.3 | 7.8 | 7.8 | (0.5) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 8.6 | 7.9 | 8.2 | (0.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.2 | 65.3 | 65.2 | 1.0 |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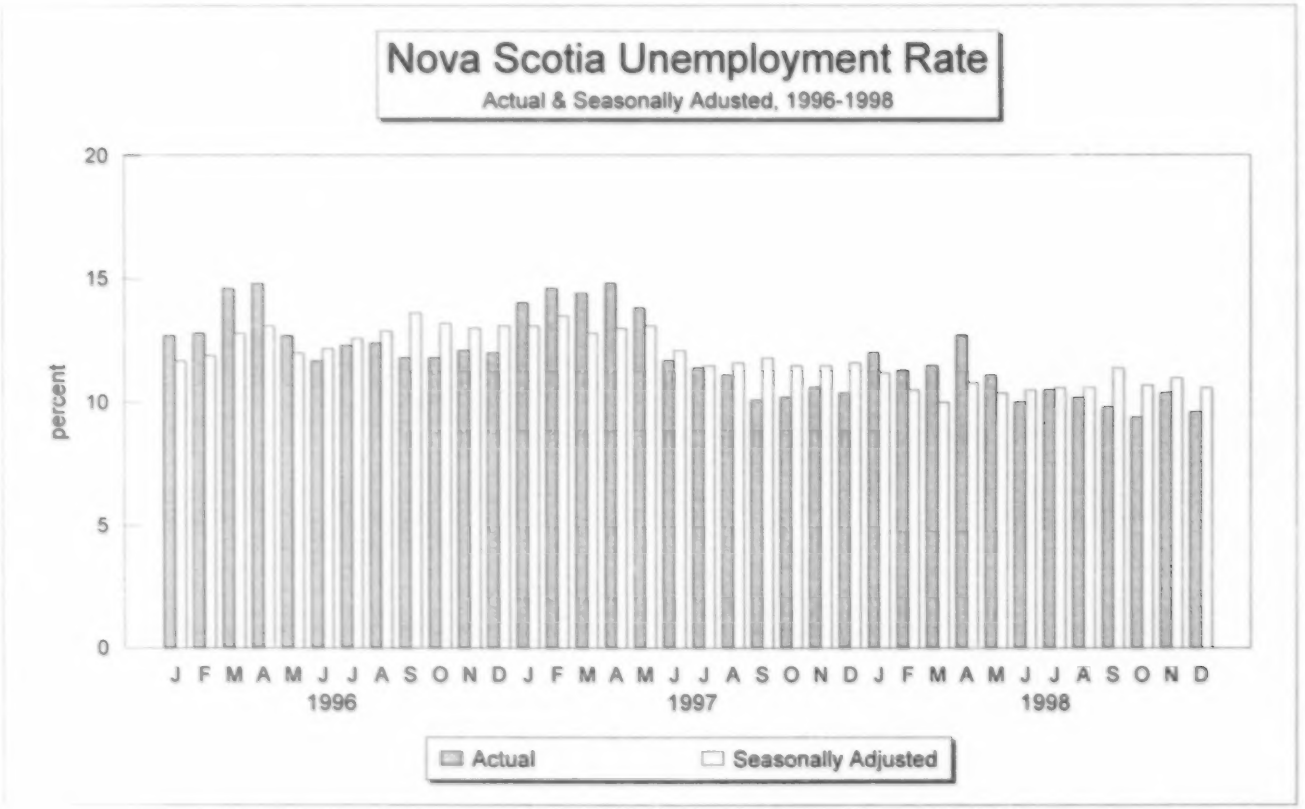
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## HALIFAX METRO

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 186.8 | 190.6 | 190.0 | 3.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 169.6 | 176.0 | 176.2 | 6.6 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 17.2 | 14.7 | 13.8 | (3.4) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.2 | 7.7 | 7.3 | (1.9) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.8 | 68.6 | 68.3 | 0.5 |

## NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 443.9 | 450.9 | 447.7 | 3.8 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 397.7 | 406.3 | 403.6 | 5.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 46.1 | 44.6 | 44.0 | (2.1) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 10.4 | 9.9 | 9.8 | (0.6) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.7 | 60.4 | 59.9 | 0.2 |

## NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

### CAPE BRETON

| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 64.3 | 66.0 | 64.2 | (0.1) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 55.6 | 53.7 | 51.6 | (4.0) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 8.7 | 12.2 | 12.5 | 3.8 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 13.5 | 18.5 | 19.5 | 6.0 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 51.0 | 52.5 | 51.1 | 0.1 |

### NORTH SHORE

| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 74.9 | 74.6 | 73.9 | (1.0) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 65.4 | 67.1 | 65.9 | 0.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 9.6 | 7.5 | 8.0 | (1.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.8 | 10.1 | 10.8 | (2.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 56.7 | 56.3 | 55.7 | (1.0) |

### ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 55.5 | 56.0 | 55.5 | 0.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 50.0 | 51.4 | 51.0 | 1.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 5.5 | 4.6 | 4.5 | (1.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.9 | 8.2 | 8.1 | (1.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 56.6 | 56.8 | 56.2 | (0.4) |

### SOUTHERN

| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 58.5 | 59.8 | 59.9 | 1.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 51.9 | 53.6 | 53.3 | 1.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 6.5 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 0.1 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 11.1 | 10.4 | 11.0 | (0.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 56.3 | 57.6 | 57.7 | 1.4 |

### HALIFAX

| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 190.7 | 194.6 | 194.2 | 3.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 174.8 | 180.4 | 181.8 | 7.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 15.9 | 14.1 | 12.4 | (3.5) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 8.3 | 7.2 | 6.4 | (1.9) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.2 | 68.0 | 67.8 | 0.6 |

**NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR ('000)**

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | 1997 | | 1998 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | NOV | DEC | NOV | DEC |
| Total Employment | 394.9 | 396.1 | 402.7 | 403.2 |
| Total Goods Producing Sectors | 95.5 | 96.4 | 90.3 | 92.4 |
| Agriculture | 7.0 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.6 |
| Other Primary | 14.8 | 15.6 | 14.2 | 14.1 |
| Utilities | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| Manufacturing | 48.1 | 48.3 | 45.5 | 45.9 |
| Construction | 22.3 | 22.6 | 20.4 | 22.3 |
| Total Service Producing Sectors | 299.4 | 299.7 | 312.3 | 310.8 |
| Transportation, Storage & Communication | 24.3 | 24.9 | 23.8 | 24.2 |
| Trade | 72.3 | 73.0 | 76.3 | 76.2 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 19.1 | 18.7 | 19.4 | 19.3 |
| Community, Business & Personal Services | 154.7 | 155.2 | 165.4 | 164.4 |
| Public Administration | 29.1 | 27.8 | 27.5 | 26.6 |

## EMPLOYMENT - ACTUAL - 000's

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-Time | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 13,979.3 | 14,493.4 | 14,430.3 | 451.0 | 11,233.0 | 11,655.7 | 11,541.3 | 308.3 | 2,746.3 | 2,837.6 | 2,888.9 | 142.6 |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 190.8 | 202.5 | 193.9 | 3.1 | 155.7 | 170.4 | 164.2 | 8.5 | 35.1 | 32.1 | 29.7 | (5.4) |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 57.4 | 58.4 | 56.7 | (0.7) | 46.1 | 48.1 | 45.2 | (0.9) | 11.3 | 10.3 | 11.5 | 0.2 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 396.7 | 402.4 | 400.0 | 3.3 | 311.9 | 320.5 | 314.8 | 2.9 | 84.8 | 81.9 | 85.2 | 0.4 |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 311.0 | 330.1 | 326.2 | 15.2 | 260.1 | 274.6 | 268.3 | 8.2 | 50.9 | 55.5 | 57.8 | 6.9 |
| QUEBEC | 3,244.2 | 3,346.9 | 3,345.5 | 101.3 | 2,635.7 | 2,735.2 | 2,702.3 | 66.6 | 608.4 | 611.7 | 643.3 | 34.9 |
| ONTARIO | 5,482.8 | 5,709.0 | 5,689.9 | 207.1 | 4,411.2 | 4,615.2 | 4,575.8 | 164.6 | 1,071.6 | 1,093.8 | 1,114.1 | 42.5 |
| MANITOBA | 538.6 | 550.8 | 550.0 | 11.4 | 426.3 | 438.6 | 428.8 | 2.5 | 112.2 | 112.1 | 121.2 | 9.0 |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 472.4 | 476.8 | 474.2 | 1.8 | 367.7 | 372.6 | 365.9 | (1.8) | 104.8 | 104.2 | 108.3 | 3.5 |
| ALBERTA | 1,474.7 | 1,522.6 | 1,524.9 | 50.2 | 1,193.5 | 1,214.4 | 1,212.6 | 19.1 | 281.2 | 308.1 | 312.3 | 31.1 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 1,810.7 | 1,893.9 | 1,869.0 | 58.3 | 1,424.8 | 1,466.1 | 1,463.5 | 38.7 | 385.9 | 427.8 | 405.5 | 19.6 |

## 15-24 AGE GROUP - ACTUAL

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 | DEC 1997 | NOV 1998 | DEC 1998 | CHANGE DEC '97-'98 |
| CANADA | 2,279.2 | 2,436.0 | 2,405.5 | 126.3 | 1,952.9 | 2,092.8 | 2,094.2 | 141.3 | 14.3 | 14.1 | 12.9 | (1.4) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 30.0 | 32.4 | 30.6 | 0.6 | 23.1 | 22.9 | 22.1 | (1.0) | 23.0 | 29.3 | 27.8 | 4.8 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 11.4 | 11.2 | 11.7 | 0.3 | 9.1 | 9.5 | 9.4 | 0.3 | 19.3 | 16.1 | 19.7 | 0.4 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 71.0 | 71.0 | 69.5 | (1.5) | 56.9 | 57.9 | 57.9 | 1.0 | 19.9 | 18.5 | 16.7 | (3.2) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 52.9 | 59.4 | 59.0 | 6.1 | 44.0 | 50.5 | 49.2 | 5.2 | 16.8 | 15.2 | 16.6 | (0.2) |
| QUEBEC | 497.2 | 559.3 | 553.6 | 56.4 | 403.3 | 466.0 | 471.0 | 67.7 | 18.9 | 16.7 | 14.9 | (4.0) |
| ONTARIO | 877.6 | 925.0 | 920.4 | 42.8 | 765.9 | 804.9 | 812.0 | 46.1 | 12.7 | 13.0 | 11.8 | (0.9) |
| MANITOBA | 99.3 | 100.7 | 103.5 | 4.2 | 88.6 | 90.9 | 93.6 | 5.0 | 10.8 | 9.8 | 9.6 | (1.2) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 87.9 | 86.8 | 85.5 | (2.4) | 79.6 | 78.4 | 76.0 | (3.6) | 9.6 | 9.7 | 11.2 | 1.6 |
| ALBERTA | 260.0 | 278.0 | 270.9 | 10.9 | 234.7 | 246.1 | 246.3 | 11.6 | 9.7 | 11.4 | 9.1 | (0.6) |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 291.9 | 312.1 | 300.6 | 8.7 | 247.7 | 265.7 | 256.7 | 9.0 | 15.2 | 14.9 | 14.6 | (0.6) |